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## Upgrade status, PLO asks Security Council

UNITED NATIONS, Jan 11. (AP) The PLO has sought to boost world-wide recognition of its nationhood by asking the Security Council for the right to speak as the state of Palestine, rather than as an organisation.

Only nations have the right to address the Security Council directly, so acceptance of the request to speak as "Palestine," as it is now known in the General Assembly, would be an important symbolic victory in the PLO's quest for diplomatic acceptance.

The PLO has had to find another nation, usually an Arab state, to present its views to the council.

A vote of nine of the 15 members of the Security Council would permit the PLO to directly address the council, which the PLO's deputy alternate delegate, Riyad H. Mansour, said would be a "form of upgrading our status."

On such simple procedural matters, the five permanent council members — the United States, Soviet Union, Britain, France and China — do not have veto power. They can veto substantial political resolutions.

## Israeli jets raid bases of Abu Nidal

SIDON, Jan 11. (AP) Israel staged its first air raid on Lebanon this year late tonight, with warplanes bombing the bases of Palestinian commander Abu Nidal on the outskirts of this southern port, police said.

At least four fighter-bombers streaked to bomb camps of Abu Nidal's Fatah-Revolutionary Council in Bkuta and Majdoun valley four miles (six kilometres) east of Sidon, police reported.

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## WEATHER

COLD and dusty weather with fresh north westerly wind.  
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Sunset: 5.09 pm  
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Kuwait: 22°C 72°F  
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Fahala: 20°C 68°F  
Minimum temperatures recorded:  
Kuwait: 10°C 50°F  
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Fahala: 9°C 48°F  
Maximum temperatures expected:  
Kuwait: 14°C 57°F  
Ahmad: 15°C 59°F  
Fahala: 15°C 59°F  
Maximum humidity recorded:  
Kuwait: 63 per cent  
Ahmad: 72 per cent  
Fahala: 70 per cent

## World pledges to eliminate chemical arms

PARIS, Jan 11. (Agencies) The world community solemnly pledged today to rid the earth of chemical weapons and to reach agreement rapidly on how to make the ban stick.

Foreign ministers and officials from 149 countries closed the biggest conference on chemical weapons for more than 60 years with a ringing declaration forged during hours of tense negotiations.

"Participating states ... are determined to prevent any recourse to chemical weapons and condemn such use," the 600-word statement said.

"This conference has marked a major step along the road to the total elimination of chemical weapons," French Foreign Minister Roland Dumas commented at the end of the five-day conference.

The declaration, adopted by consensus, marked a diplomatic triumph for France which with Finland led efforts to find common ground between major powers and the Third World.

The Paris conference achieved its main purpose, delegates said. It sent the clearest political signal to the Geneva conference on disarmament that negotiations there on chemical weapons now had top priority.

A convention banning the development, research, production, stockpiling and use of poison gases should be agreed at Geneva "as a matter of

urgency," the statement said.

Iraq escaped the humiliation of being named as the last country to have violated the 1925 protocol banning the use of chemical weapons in wartime.

Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz of Iraq said he and his Arab colleagues finally decided not to take a position that would prevent the success of the conference.

Arab delegates "tried to draw attention to the particular situation in our region," Aziz said at a news conference.

But delegates from both superpowers and their allies felt they succeeded in preventing any formal linkage between chemical and nuclear disarmament.

Arab states led the Third World bloc in pressing for a strong link, arguing that it was unfair to ban chemical weapons known as "the poor man's deterrent" while industrial powers kept their arsenals of nuclear and conventional arms.

The Arab case was based on allegations that their foe Israel is a nuclear power.

The final declaration did not mention the word "nuclear." States stressed instead a "need to pursue with determination their efforts to secure general and complete disarmament."

Abuses

It also urged a wider role for UN investigators of alleged abuses and pledged to open up the Geneva conference on disarmament which is currently restricted to 40 members.

But before a convention emerges the highest hurdle — effective verification — will have to be overcome. Chemical weapons are easier to make and disguise than any other modern armaments.

Only the United States and the Soviet Union acknowledge having stocks and yet both say the armies of about 20 countries are in the chemical club.

France said 149 countries, or virtually the whole of the United Nations family, were represented in Paris.



Benazir (centre) performing one of the rituals for umra. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Pledge to implement Islamic law

## Benazir performs umra

RIYADH, Jan 11. (Reuters) Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, on her first trip abroad since taking office last month, completed her pilgrimage to the Islamic holy cities of Makkah and Medina.

Benazir, the first woman prime minister of a Muslim nation, visited Prophet Mohammed's (PBUH) mosque in Medina before meeting Pakistani residents of the city — the second holiest in Islam.

Benazir, 35, then planned to travel to Dhahran in Saudi Arabia's eastern province. Members of her entourage declined to say if she would meet King Fahd before leaving for home tomorrow.

But diplomats were sure the leaders would meet in Dhahran to discuss the situation in Afghanistan. The Pakistani embassy

## 90 Pakistanis drowned on way to funeral

ISLAMABAD, Jan 11. (Agencies) About 90 people drowned on their way to a funeral when their boat broke up in a river in Pakistan's Punjab province, the official APP news agency said today.

Officials said only 35 of the 125 people aboard escaped by swimming to the banks of the Ravi in Punjab's Sahiwal district after the vessel overturned yesterday, the agency reported.

The boat hit a piece of iron laid across the river to make a temporary bridge, APP said. The passengers were going to a relative's funeral. State-run television had said earlier that more than 20 people had drowned in the incident.

The Pakistan Times said only seven bodies had been recovered by last night. An official was quoted as saying that Army swimmers were asked to help with the rescue or recovery of dead victims.

## Airport tax approved

KUWAIT, Jan 11. (Reuters) The cabinet today approved a tax on passengers leaving from Kuwait airport, a spokesman said.

Acting Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Nasser Abdulla Al Roudhan told reporters children younger than 12 would be exempt. The measure requires final approval by the Amir Diwan.

## Abu Nidal group most dangerous

## US publishes book on terrorist groups

WASHINGTON, Jan 11. (Agencies) The United States named the Abu Nidal group as "the most dangerous terrorist organisation in existence" in a new Pentagon publication and said Libyan terrorism appears to be on the rise.

Meanwhile, a Defence official, who spoke only on the condition that he not be identified, said Iran's state-sponsored terrorism

"over the past number of years" has been more dangerous and threatening to Washington than Libya's.

The 131-page book, "Terrorist Group Profiles," lists all of the terrorist organisations in the world, contains background on the groups and leaders, and cites the crimes the US government believes they committed.

"The release (of the report) at

## Withdrawal from Iranian territory must be negotiated

## Iraq won't pull back its forces

BAGHDAD, Jan 11. (Reuters) Iraq today rejected an Iranian demand that it withdraw from Iranian territory still under its control and said such a pullout must be negotiated.

Meanwhile, Britain has said it would withdraw its force of three ships sent to the Gulf in 1987 to clear mines laid during the Iran-Iraq war.

Progress

The Iraqi government newspaper Al-Jumhuriya said in an editorial that "the question of withdrawal of forces is another obstacle laid by Iranian rulers in the way of negotiations."

"How can there be any withdrawal before the authentication of the ceasefire in the air, on the sea and on the ground? How can there be such a withdrawal with-

out negotiations?" it asked.

Iraqi Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati said in Paris on Monday that chances for progress in Gulf peace talks seemed dim because Iraq was still occupying Iranian territory and withdrawal to international boundaries "is not an issue for negotiations."

A ceasefire last Aug 20 ended fighting in the Iran-Iraq war but peace talks have since then made almost no progress. A third round ended on Nov 11 deadlocked over withdrawal and the exchange of more than 100,000 prisoners of war.

Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz, in a message to UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar on Friday, said Iraq was ready to receive him or his

representative Jan Eliasson in Baghdad to discuss the resumption of peace talks.

The message, published by the Iraqi News Agency INA, said Iran was to blame for the slow progress in the talks.

Aziz said Velayati, who had written earlier to the UN chief, hoped to negotiate a troop withdrawal independently of the talks. But such a withdrawal must be negotiated within the framework of UN ceasefire Resolution 598, Aziz said.

Recall

British Armed Forces Minister Archie Hamilton said in a statement the August ceasefire in the Gulf and the success of British, Belgian, Dutch, Italian, French and US ships in removing mines made it possible to recall

the three minesweepers and two support ships in March.

He said the patrol would remain in the area of the Gulf and the Indian Ocean ready to escort British-registered ships if Iranian or Iraqi forces resumed attacks. Three minesweepers would stand by in case mine-laying resumed.

The British Navy's minesweeper force found and destroyed 10 mines in just over a year of operations, he said.

A Western diplomat said British Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe told Gulf leaders during a tour of the area last week of Britain's decision to withdraw the minesweepers.

"Gulf leaders had no objections to the plan. One said it was a sign things are returning to normal," the diplomat said.

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## Midland disaster probe

## Sound engine was turned off before jet crashed: investigators

LONDON, Jan 11, (UPI): The pilot in Britain's second aviation disaster in 18 days knew one of the Boeing 737's two engines had caught fire but the sound engine was turned off before the new aircraft crashed in central England, killing 44 people, investigators said today.

The Transport Ministry refused to comment on why the engine that should have carried the British Midland Airways commuter flight on Sunday night from London's Heathrow airport to Belfast, Northern Ireland, with 126 people aboard, to safety was shut down.

Human error and an instrument malfunction were among the possibilities for the engine shutdown raised by airline experts.

NBC news quoted US government sources as saying the pilots turned off the wrong engine, causing the crash.

The sources said that just before the crash, the crew apparently realized what they had done and tried to restart the right engine, which could have carried the Boeing 737-400 the final hundreds of yards to the runway.

## Outrageous

Transport Ministry spokesman Paul McKie said suggestions that the crew switched off the wrong engine were "no more than speculation. There will be no firm conclusions until the engines are cut away (from the wreckage) and examined."

"It's absolutely outrageous for the press to be talking about a shutdown in error. We think it's absolutely unjustified at the moment," said Freddie Yetman, Technical Secretary of British Airline Pilots Association.

"It could be the pilot's error—that's not impossible. But it's

unthinkable that a captain could shut down the wrong engine. It may have been a spurious warning and then he found himself caught with the other engine, which was faulty."

British Midland chairman Michael Bishop suggested that Capt Kevin Hunt may have stopped the right engine after a fault alarm signal in the cockpit.

"The issue is what actions the crew took, and why they took them," he said. "We want to be sure of the integrity of the information displayed."

## Alarmed

Analysis of the flight data recorder and cockpit voice recorder from the jet, which monitored which engines were on at a given time and what the pilots were saying, showed that an alarm sounded 15 minutes after leaving Heathrow indicating engine problems and one engine began vibrating.

"Fifteen minutes into the flight the pilot reported fire in the starboard engine. What the investigators found was evidence consistent with a shut down in the starboard engine before impact and they also found evidence of fire in the left engine," said Steve Willmott, a Transport Ministry spokesman.

The crew radioed flight controllers and said they were shutting down the right engine. But evidence from survivors and the wreckage indicated only the left engine was malfunctioning.

## Troop pullout

BUDAPEST, Jan 11, (Reuters): Moscow will shortly begin its planned troop withdrawal from Hungary as part of Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's proposed arms cuts, Hungary's Defence Minister Ferenc Karpati said yesterday.

## Pan Am bomb was planted in jet's forward hold

LONDON, Jan 11, (Agencies): Britain said yesterday the bomb which destroyed a US airliner over Scotland last month killing 270 people was planted in the plane's forward baggage hold.

West German intelligence sources said on Friday that British investigators were working on the theory that the bomb was smuggled aboard the Pan Am Boeing 747 at London's Heathrow airport by an airport worker.

But Transport Minister Paul Channon, in a statement to Parliament, declined to speculate on how or where the bomb was smuggled aboard the flight PA 103, which exploded over the Scottish town of Lockerbie on Dec 21 one hour into a flight from London to New York.

## Doubted

He said the bomb was located just forward of the wing.

West German intelligence sources said British investigators doubted that the bomb had been placed in luggage arriving at Heathrow on a smaller plane from Frankfurt where the flight began.

Channon's announcement followed speculation by some newspapers that the bomb might have been planted on or near to the jumbo jet's flight deck.

The explosion separated the nose cone from the wreckage of the rest of the airliner, sending it slamming into a hillside five miles (eight kilometres) from Lockerbie.

Channon said, however, that "it is too early to say yet where the article containing the explosive originated."

"Signs of the use of a high-performance plastic explosive, which was very probably, but not certainly semtex, point to some well-organised and well-supplied terrorist group," he said, without elaborating.

## 115 killed in 12 days of bitter fighting

## Lebanese Shiite battles rage

KFAR FILA, Lebanon, Jan 11, (Reuters): Pro-Syrian Muslim fighters launched hit-and-run attacks through driving rain and fog today while waiting for the weather to allow a full assault on Iranian-backed militants in south Lebanon.

"The battle will only end when we clean the area from Hezbollah. We are waiting for the weather to improve to launch a new attack," said Fida, an official with the Amal militia.

At least 115 people have died in 12 days of bitter fighting between Amal and Hezbollah—as they struggle for control of Lebanon's 1.5 million Shiite Muslims.

Independent security sources said the fighting in the mountainous Iqlim Al Tufah area had killed 60 people—32 Amal militiamen, 21 Hezbollah fighters and seven civilians—and wounded 67 since Saturday.

## Hampering

The sources expected the toll to rise but said fighting was hampering rescue work.

Haggard-looking Amal militiamen said they seized 80 per cent of the small town of Jubah on the edge of Israel's self-declared security zone in southern Lebanon.

They said 300 fighters were battling Hezbollah militants

entrenched at the eastern end of the town linking them to Ain Buswar, the last Hezbollah position in the area.

Two-thirds of Jubah's 6,000 population have fled. The Iqlim Al Tufah area was a major Hezbollah base for attacks against Israel and its local South Lebanon Army (SLA) allies.

Syria and Iran are trying to end the fighting, with Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister Ali Mohammad Besharati meeting Syrian President Hafez Al Assad in Damascus yesterday to discuss the issue before going on the Lebanon.

Iran's IRNA news agency said an Iranian delegation led by Foreign Ministry official Mahmoud Hashemi was already in Lebanon, where Hashemi had met the head of the Supreme Shi'a Council, Sheikh Mohammed Mehdi Shamseddine.

## Damage

But Iran's daily Abrar newspaper said diplomatic efforts to halt the battles had no hope of success because of pressures from foreign powers.

Diplomatic analysts said the fighting was not expected to damage relations between Iran and Syria, which backed Tehran in its eight-year war with Iraq.

Residents of the battle area spoke of bitterness between the

## Shiite rivals.

"There is hatred now among the Shiites. The hatred reached the children and the old," said a woman in Kfar Fila.

"Thank God I don't have relatives in Hezbollah, because had my brother been a Hezbollah member I would have killed him," said Abu Rabi, a 21-year-old Amal fighter just back from the Jubah battlefield.

Amal fighters crouched by a fire in mud-covered fatigues and wool scarves for protection against the cold as machine-gun fire and artillery bursts reverberated near by.

## Prevented

Sniper fire from Hezbollah positions prevented journalists from reaching Jubah, where witnesses said bodies lay in muddy streets and the wounded lay bleeding in the brown stone houses.

Fida, the Amal military official, said Hezbollah was receiving reinforcements through rugged hills and valleys linking Iqlim Al Tufah to the western part of Lebanon's Bekaa valley.

The valley is controlled by Syrian troops but several hundred Iranian Revolutionary Guards have had bases there since 1982.

Security sources said 17,000

people had fled several small towns and villages in the Iqlim Al Tufah area, with a population of around 120,000. But many residents said they were not leaving their homes.

## Ferocity

In Kfar Fila, one of three villages where close-quarter battles raged two days ago, old men and black-clad women were still traumatised by the ferocity of the fighting.

"What happened would turn your hair grey. It had nothing to do with Islam. It was criminal," said Kfar Fila headman Ali Mohammed Kasem.

He said people feared renewed Hezbollah attacks after Amal seized control of the string of villages.

Amal militiamen raided houses, confiscated weapons and searched hills around the villages for Hezbollah fighters. They blew up eight Hezbollah houses in the three villages and burned down others.

The villagers said 20 Amal members were missing, while Amal was holding some 15 Hezbollah captives.

In Kfar Fila, 15 Amal militiamen captured a 17-year-old Hezbollah member and beat him with rifle butts before bundling him into the boot of a car to the cheers of villagers.

## Bomb explodes near orphanage

BEIRUT, Jan 11, (AP): A small bomb exploded near the entrance to an Islamic orphanage in Syrian-occupied West Beirut today but police said no casualties were reported.

A police spokesman, who cannot be named under standing regulations, said the blast damaged five cars parked near the building in the Tarik Jedideh district.

## Israeli generals worried

## Troops cannot quell uprising: Army chief

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Jan 11, (Agencies): A senior general has resigned his commission with complaints that Israeli efforts to put down the Palestinian uprising in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip could damage the moral fibre of the Army's soldiers, a newspaper reported today.

Questions about the Army's role in the occupied territories are increasingly being debated in Israel, with Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Dan Shomron also quoted today as saying that troops could never quell the rebellion because it is a political struggle.

Israeli newspapers said today the Army had indicted three Palestinians for murder on charges of throwing three firebombs at an Israeli passenger bus on Oct 30 in the West Bank city of Jericho.

Five Israelis including one soldier, a mother and her three small children, died in the attack. The Palestinians were identified as in their early 20s.

Israeli troops shot and wounded five Palestinian youths today in clashes in the Gaza Strip refugee camps of Nuseirat and Khan Yunis and the West Bank village of Ein Abush, Arab doctors said. Among the wounded was a 12-year-old shot in the left thigh.

The remarks by Maj. Gen. Menachem Eitan, who is leaving his job as the Army's logistics chief, were published on the front page of the mass-circulation daily Maariv.

"I am very worried about the level of morality of Israeli soldiers in the territories," Eitan was quoted as saying. "We are making them face provocations that inspire maliciousness all too quickly."

An Army spokesman said Eitan was scheduled to step down on Friday for a civilian job and that his resignation was unrelated to the criticism. Shomron was quoted as telling a closed-door session of

parliament's defence and foreign affairs committee yesterday that the Army was limited in its ability to quell the intifada.

"There is no such thing as eradicating the intifada because in essence it expressed the struggle of nationalism," the Jerusalem Post quoted him as saying.

Meanwhile the Civil Rights Association of Israel has appealed to the Supreme Court for closure of a West Bank military detention centre, claiming Palestinians were kept in inhumane conditions, Israel Radio reported.

Two Palestinian lawyers who visited another military prison in the Negev desert yesterday said they were told of rising in the prison after a sick inmate was refused treatment.

Israeli members of parliament defeated today a bill to limit their immunity from prosecution, aimed at four MPs due to attend a Paris peace conference with PLO officials.

The bill, introduced by Gen. Cohen of the right-wing Tehiya Party, would have allowed Israel to prosecute parliamentarians who travel abroad to meet PLO members.

The vote was tied 30-30, which in the Israeli parliament (Knesset) means defeat.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's aides today played down his surprise offer to accept a UN role in Arab-Israeli peace talks, while visiting European legislators hailed it as a sign of flexibility.

Right-wing Jewish leaders voiced alarm and warned Shamir against any concession that would lead to giving up the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Shamir told a European Parliament delegation yesterday: "Such negotiations can be launched under the auspices of the great powers or the United Nations, providing they refrain from any involvement in the substance of the talks."

## Aircraft carrier Roosevelt enters Mediterranean

GAETA, Jan 11, (AP): The aircraft carrier Theodore Roosevelt and the nine warships in its battle group sailed through the Strait of Gibraltar and into Mediterranean early today, the Navy said.

Lt. Ray Kempisty, a spokesman for the US 6th Fleet, said the two Marine amphibious groups that sailed from the United States with the Roosevelt were still at Rota, Spain, but will soon follow the carrier group into the Mediterranean.

The carrier group arrived a week after two F-14s from the aircraft carrier John F. Kennedy shot down two Libyan MIG 23s over international waters north of Tobruk, Libya. Tensions between the United States and Libya already were high after the United States raised the possibility of attacking an alleged chemical weapons factory southwest of the Libyan capital.

The Roosevelt is accompanied by six destroyers, two cruisers, a frigate, an ammunition ship, an oiler and a repair ship. The Navy said earlier there were about 15,000 sailors and marines with the carrier group. Kempisty said he believed that figure included the Marine amphibious groups and said he did not know the figures for the carrier group alone.

Kempisty said it was the first visit to the Mediterranean by the Roosevelt and the Leyte Gulf, an Aegis guided missile cruiser.

He said the Roosevelt was carrying about 80 aircraft, including the new F-14B, which he said can function both as an interceptor and a bomber. He said all aircraft carriers carry some attack planes and that the F-14s are normally on the Roosevelt and were not added for this cruise.

## Provoking

Libya contends the United States is provoking confrontation in the area by sending the Roosevelt to the Mediterranean and claims the ship will be used to attack Libya.

## US publishes book on terrorist groups

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"The Fatah Revolutionary Council (FRC)—widely known as the Abu Nidal organisation—is the most dangerous terrorist organisation in existence, and its area of operations is one of the most extensive," the publication states.

The group is cited for machine gun and grenade attacks on the Rome and Vienna airports in 1985 that killed 16 people and injured 60.

Most recently, the book said, it carried out the May 1988 attack in Khartoum on the Acropole Hotel and Sudan Club where eight people were killed and 21 wounded, including five Americans.

"If you look at the history of Abu Nidal attacks and the indiscriminate nature of the casualties, that's what makes him—in our eyes—more lethal," the defence official said. It is "a very lethal, dangerous group."

The publication listed Iran and Afghanistan as "among the most notorious state sponsors of terrorism."

The Iranians are the most lethal terrorists "if you're talking body count." The Defence official said. But the "terrorism directed by Iran has for the most part been very goal-oriented and discriminate," unlike that of Abu Nidal.

## Mended

Syria, once listed by the US as a terrorist state, appears to have mended its ways, the publication said.

The book did not list any US-supported guerrilla groups—such as President Reagan refers to as "freedom fighters"—which the Contras seeking to overthrow the leftist government in Nicaragua.

Each listing was accompanied by a brief profile estimating membership in the group, and outlining alleged leadership, sponsors, political aims and a brief chronology of incidents.

Groups ranged from the FRC and 11 others in the Middle East to India's radical Sikhs and the provisional Irish Republican Army (IRA).

The PLO was also included as a terrorist organisation. PLO chief Yasser Arafat recently renounced terrorism.

In an introduction to the book, President-elect George Bush rejected the notion that "one man's freedom fighter is another man's terrorist."

## Reagan defends US pilots

WASHINGTON, Jan 11, (AP): President Reagan has defended the Navy pilots who shot down two Libyan jets over the Mediterranean last week, insisting the Americans "were justified in doing what they did."

Reagan, in a photo session with President Jose Azcona of Honduras, was asked about a published report that the two Navy pilots who downed the Libyan MIG 23s fired after their commander had informed them they were in a cautionary "warning yellow" situation, rather than in the "red" condition reserved for fire-at-will encounters.

Spokesmen at both the White House and Defence Department disputed the report published in the Washington Post yesterday. The spokesmen said the "condition yellow" issued by the top commander on the scene allowed the pilots to take defensive actions and to fire if necessary.

Asked if he believed the two pilots were "trigger-happy" and had fired at the Libyan jets before they should have, Reagan responded:

"No, I think to speculate on that is ignoring the facts. I have said from the very beginning, I've never asked people to go any place without the right to defend themselves against attack," Reagan said.

"All the evidence that we have, photographic, sound, everything... they were justified in doing what they did."

The President went on to remind his listeners: "Remember, we're not dealing with an earlier day machine-guns... today if a plane persists in keeping you in line, when you are avoiding it, you have to assume they are getting ready to push the button."

## Fur designer dies

MILAN, Jan 11, (AP): Jole Veneziani, one of Italy's most renowned high-fashion fur designers, died in her Milanese home yesterday, her family reported today. She was 87.

Veneziani, who had retired from the fashion business four years ago, was considered one of the most popular and innovative designers in the 1960s. She was one of the first to use unusual colours for her production of furs.

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## Japan plans very tight security at Hirohito's funeral

TOKYO, Jan 11. (Reuters): Japanese police will mount their biggest security operation ever for the funeral of Emperor Hirohito next month which is to be attended by many world leaders including the next US President, George Bush.

A spokesman for the metropolitan police department said at least 32,000 officers will be mobilised to prevent any terrorist acts by extremists opposed to the imperial system and particularly to Hirohito, who died last Saturday aged 87.

The funeral is scheduled for Feb 24.

"Left-wing guerrilla groups, especially the Chukaku-Ka (central core faction), staged anti-emperor campaigns after Emperor Hirohito fell ill last September," another police official said.

"We fear that they (guerrilla groups) will set a major target for attack on the state funeral," he said.

Despite similar security measures at the time of the Tokyo summit in May 1986, the Chukaku-Ka managed to fire four powerful homemade rockets over the heads of President Reagan and other leaders in a hair-raising incident at the opening ceremony.

### Embarrassment

The rockets caused only minor damage to a pavement near the Akasaka guest house where the ceremony was taking place but the incident and a number of similar attacks were a major embarrassment to the Japanese police.

"We can't let that happen again," one officer said.

He said the security operation for the funeral would be larger than for the Tokyo summit because of the larger number of dignitaries and the complex arrangements for the procession and funeral.

Besides the radical leftists, a number of citizen's groups and religious organisations have said they will stage rallies to protest against the funeral, which they say contravenes the constitution.

## US expects Soviets to meet Afghan pullout deadline

WASHINGTON, Jan 11. (Reuters): President Reagan said last night the United States expected the Soviet Union to complete its troop withdrawal from Afghanistan by next month's deadline despite Moscow's suggestions it may not be able to do so.

"The last word we've had from them is that they're going to achieve this (withdrawal) by the 15th of February," Reagan said. His statement came in reply to reporters' questions at the start of a meeting with Honduran President Jose Azcona.

Earlier, the White House and State Department were quick to react to a senior Soviet official's suggestions that his country might not meet the deadline, to which Moscow committed itself under a UN-mediated agreement last April.

State Department spokesman Charles Redman said preparations for a second stage of Soviet troop withdrawal, which was

hailed in November, had resumed.

"There's certainly no reason that they can't be out by Feb 15th. The withdrawal, has resumed, for some days now. So as a consequence, we certainly expect them to be out," Redman told reporters.

But pressed on whether additional Soviet troops had actually left the country or if there was just a start-up for the final stage of withdrawal, he replied: "The latter." At a news conference in Moscow yesterday, Yuli Vorontsov, a Kremlin spokesman, just back from inconclusive talks with Afghan rebel leaders in Pakistan and Iran, said: "It is too early to talk about a (withdrawal) schedule."

"We have to see how things shape up," Vorontsov said. He added there was a danger that "circumstances could arise under which the Soviet Union will be unable to do what we have, in principle, decided to do."

## Sri Lanka lifting state of emergency

COLOMBO, Jan 11. (Reuters): Sri Lanka's state of emergency, in force for five and a half years, will be lifted tonight, Information Minister Festus Perera told a news conference.

The emergency, which gave security forces virtually unlimited powers to deal with a Tamil rebellion in the north and east and a violent Marxist group in the south, was first imposed in May 1983.

President Ranasinghe Premadasa has promised that the emergency, which was due to lapse next Sunday if not extended by presidential decree, will not be reimposed.

The decision to end the emergency early was taken at a meeting of the caretaker cabinet headed by Premadasa, who was elected President last month but has retained his former post of prime minister pending general elections on Feb 15.

Perera declined to give further details but said a statement on

the emergency would be issued later today.

Premadasa, addressing provincial officials, said the emergency could be lifted in view of reduced activity by the Tamil separatists, and the radical People's Liberation Front in the south.

### Killing

But a few hours after he spoke, two election candidates, one of them the assistant secretary of the main opposition Freedom Party, were killed along with their bodyguard in an apparent politically-motivated gun and bomb attack in the southern town of Wadduwa.

Attorney-General Sunil de Silva said troops could be used for limited operations once the emergency ended.

"Troops return to barracks once the emergency is over but sections of the Public Security Act could be invoked under normal law using security forces for limited work," he said.



Reagan: hopes

"We still expect them to meet the deadline," White House spokesman Martin Fitzwater told reporters.

"We have seen the same kind of statements over the last several months, going as far back as September and October, (and) during the meeting President Reagan had with (Soviet leader Mikhail) Gorbachev in New York. They have continually raised these concerns because of the situation there. But we simply want to hold them to their commitment," Fitzwater said.

The Soviet Union has complained that the United States in connection with Pakistan has continued to supply arms to Muslim guerrillas fighting the Soviet-backed government in Kabul.

## 24 die in Indian cold wave

NEW DELHI, Jan 11 (AP): At least six people died yesterday in a cold wave that swept northern India on what the meteorological office said was the coldest day of the season, news agencies said.

A total of 24 people now have died in the week-long cold spell that hit the capital and the northern states of Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu, Kashmir and Uttar Pradesh, the Press Trust of India news agency said.

According to the meteorological office, the present cold wave will last another three days, United News of India, another news agency, said.

In a country identified more with the heat of the long summers, the period from December through February each year, relatively mild by Western winter standards, brings a renewed challenge to millions of people who are without adequate food, clothing, or shelter.

## Rome probing US allegations against Libya

# Italy has no proof of chemical plant

ROME, Jan 11: The Italian government said that it has not yet received conclusive evidence to support US allegations that Libya has a plant to produce chemical weapons.

Foreign Minister Giulio Andreotti and Defence Minister Valerio Zanone said the government is still seeking "all the elements" about the nature of the Libyan factory.

"We are in the presence of data that have to be verified," Andreotti told the Chamber of Deputies.

"The government will report to parliament (on the matter) as soon as the elements are available," Zanone said.

Libya, a former Italian colony, maintains that the plant will produce medicines. The United States charges that the factory, located at Rabta, about 95 kms southwest of Tripoli, is designed to produce poison gas.

### Steps

Andreotti stressed that if the US accusations are true, "we will not hesitate to condemn (Libya) and take the necessary consequent steps in our relations (with Tripoli)."

"No one in good faith can tell us that we want to ignore or

underestimate the most worrisome elements of Libya's attitude," he said.

However, Andreotti said Italy was encouraged that Libya had recently shown signs of "less radicalism" and displayed a foreign policy of "co-operation" with its North African neighbours.

Zanone, citing information provided to him by the commander of the US 6th Fleet, gave details of last Wednesday's dogfight over the Mediterranean in which US fighter jets shot down two Libyan MIGs.

### Diplomacy

A US diplomatic campaign has made a disputed Libyan facility less likely to go into operation, produce chemical weapons and require American military intervention, a senior US official said.

Because of the US effort, "the world spotlight is focussed on it (the Libyan facility) and it would seem more difficult for Western companies to step forward and become involved in it," the official added.

"Plus governments are looking more closely now" at what firms in their countries export in the way of chemicals and equip-

ment that could be used in poison gas production, he said.

He and another State Department official, who asked not to be identified, down played speculation Washington was seriously considering a military attack against the plant at Rabta, which Libya denies is intended for chemical arms manufacture.

They said a television remark by President Reagan last month hinting at such action was "overblown" by the media.

Meanwhile, a group of left-wing Australian politicians left for Libya today aiming to inspect a factory the United States says can produce chemical weapons.

"My interest in going there is to represent the views of the peace and disarmament movement on chemical weapons," said New South Wales independent state Senator Irina Dunn.

The Bonn government has evidence that West German firms helped Libya build what the United States says is a chemical weapons plant, government sources said today.

"We are in possession of evidence which shows that the American allegations are not groundless," one source said.

## Somali Army torturing civilians

NAIROBI, Jan 11. (UPI): The US-backed Somali military is conducting a deliberate campaign of torture and murder against civilians in the country's northern provinces to destroy the base of an autonomist insurgency, an Australian-based aid agency charged.

The government response to a rebel offensive last spring has been so severe as to drive hundreds of thousands to hide in the bush or flee into communist Ethiopia, said a report released by the agency, Community Aid Abroad (CAA).

"The government response to the attack has been particularly brutal and without regard to civilian casualties," the report said. "There is ample evidence that civil casualties have been deliberately inflicted so as to destroy support" for the rebel Somali National Movement (SNM).

### Rape

In the northern town of Erigavo, the base for CAA's public health work, "looting, raping and bashing are commonplace" and a 13-year-old girl was raped by six soldiers, the report said.

A man leaving the town with money and food was robbed, beaten and shot by the military, the group added. "His body was dumped in the town and was eaten to the waist by hyenas."

In another town, 103 men, women and children were slaughtered in reprisal after two soldiers were killed by a land mine, the report said.

## Burmese students forcibly evicted

BANGKOK, Jan 11. (AP): Thailand has forcibly repatriated Burmese students to their homeland, subjecting them to possible detention and harsh treatment by Burma's military government, Amnesty International charged.

The London-based human rights organisation said that Thailand on Jan 6 forcibly returned 22 students who had fled neighbouring Burma after a bloody military coup Sept 18.

In a statement telexed to news agencies in Bangkok, Amnesty said it feared the 22 and other students previously repatriated by Thailand may have been detained and abused by security personnel in Burma.

Thai authorities have denied forcing any students back and the Burmese government claims they are treated well on their return.

Amnesty International said its concern was based "on increasing evidence that many political prisoners arrested for having been actively involved in the March-September uprising have been held incommunicado without charge or trial since their arrest and that some of them have been subjected to torture or other forms of severe treatment."

The statement said the group of 22 students who were forcibly repatriated included Sai Myon Wyn Tun and Kyai Moe, both 23, who had taken leading roles in the August and September demonstrations for democracy.

## Israel to replace Mossad chief

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Jan 11. (Reuters): The head of Israel's vaunted espionage agency Mossad is to retire after the High Court of Justice authorised publication of an article criticising him, security sources said today.

The court yesterday for the first time overruled a ban by Israel's military censor and authorised the Tel Aviv weekly Ha'ir to print an article questioning the competence of the spymaster, whose identity may not be disclosed.

The article, written last August and to be published finally on Friday, blames him for blunders by the spy service, including the discovery of false passports in West Germany and the expulsion of Mossad agents from Britain last year.

Military censor chief Brigadier General Yitzhak Shani argued in court that public criticism of the Mossad chief might affect the agency's ability to operate and harm its ties with foreign intelligence services.

### Threat

But the court said in its ruling: "The way to achieve a balance between security and freedom of speech is to maintain freedom of speech and apply restrictions only when there is absolute certainty of real threat to the country's security. And when no alternative is available."

Security sources said the Mossad director had been due to retire anyway last October but his term was prolonged to enable Israel's incoming government to agree on a successor after November general elections.

The new spy chief would be appointed soon by Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Vice-Premier Shimon Peres, they said.

Former Mossad head Isser Harel said he did not believe public criticism of the agency would damage state security.

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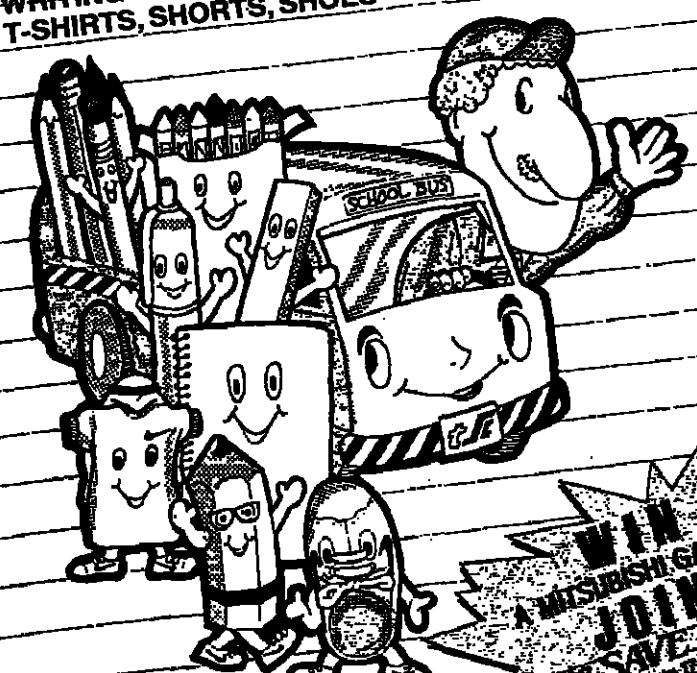


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## Cabinet approves various draft decrees at special session

KUWAIT, Jan 11, (KUNA): The Council of Ministers held an extraordinary meeting today under the chairmanship of HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah.

State Minister for Housing Affairs and acting State Minister for Cabinet Affairs Nasser Abdulla Al Roudhan said the meeting was devoted to consideration of a number of draft decrees submitted by the legislative committee.

Roudhan said the cabinet finalised discussion on a draft decree concerning amendment of some articles of the Civil Service Act with the aim of bringing into effect some recommendations reached by specialised committees on the development of the state's administrative apparatus.

He said the bill tackled organisation of administrative leaderships as a first stage within the framework of further stages of a comprehensive plan for management development.

He said the bill includes a clause providing for appoint-

ments in leading posts temporarily for four years which could be renewed.

Roudhan said renewal, secondment and transfer of appointees in those posts is subject to an Amiri Decree. The cabinet decided to approve the draft decree in its second reading stage prior to submitting it to the Amiri Diwan.

He said the cabinet considered a draft decree on the amendment of some articles of the law of insurance companies and insurance agents for 1961 which includes provisions meant to guarantee supervision and control over subsidiaries of foreign insurance companies. The financial aspect and the rights of bill holders are ensured by the decree.

Roudhan said the cabinet decided to endorse the bill in its first reading stage prior to approving it in the upcoming meeting.

Roudhan said the cabinet also reviewed some other draft decrees and decided to finalise their discussion in a further meeting.

## Two British sailors killed in Dubai car crash

MANAMA, Jan 11, (AP): Two British Royal Navy sailors serving aboard the fleet auxiliary Diligence, one of the ships in the British naval force in the Gulf, were killed in a car accident, Navy officials reported today.

Three other sailors were seriously injured and hospitalized in the southern Gulf emirates of Dubai where the Diligence was anchored, said the officials, who spoke on condition

they were not named.

The accident occurred last night as the sailor's car ran into a slow-moving truck, the officials reported.

They declined to identify the men, all on shore leave, until their families have been notified.

The Diligence is one of eight Royal Navy warships, minesweepers and auxiliary vessels that form the Armilla Patrol, Britain's flotilla in the Gulf.

## Engineering faculty suffers staff shortage

THE Petroleum and Engineering College of Kuwait University is currently suffering from an acute shortage in its teaching staff, according to Dr Hassan Al Alawi, the dean of the college.

He said that the University Council has agreed to establish departments for petroleum and industry. Students will be accepted into these colleges at the beginning of the first semester of the 1989/1990 academic year.

He added that university administrators are still studying a proposal on the establishment of an architectural engineering department. He said that the number of Kuwaiti students is increasing annually and it is therefore vital that the job market should be filled with university graduates.

The university admission policy is designed to match the requirement of both university and society, the official said and supported the idea of founding a private university in Kuwait.

## Committee appointed for parking lots at Embassies Complex

AN official source at the Ministry of Public Works said that the Public Works Minister, Abdul Rahman Ibrahim Al Houti has appointed a technical committee from the maintenance department at the ministry to look into the building of car parking lots at the Embassies Complex.

The minister called upon the committee to "take immediate measures to build parking lots to accommodate the large number of cars at the Embassies Complex, last Sunday.

The source added that the committee headed by the maintenance department director Aid Al Khalidi visited the location and saw that the entry gate which also serves as an exit for parked cars is too narrow. Many accidents have taken place at the same location.

The source pointed out that direct contacts are being made between the ministry and Kuwait Municipality to build a new parking lot.

## Decrease in unsolved crimes, says Interior Ministry official

THE number of unsolved crimes has reduced remarkably during the past two years, according to Col. Mohammed Al Shatti, director of the Statistics Department at the Ministry of the Interior.

In an interview with a local daily, Shatti clarified that the percentage has dropped to 3.5 per cent of the country's crimes. He added that this reflected the effectiveness of the Ministry of Interior's security apparatus and the success attained by security men towards pursuing suspects and criminals.

Shatti said that dud cheque cases had increased, reaching their highest in the Capital which showed 27 per cent of dud cheque cases, Hawalli 20 per cent of the total and Ahmadi 14 per cent.

The number of premeditated murder crimes, battering and fraud have decreased too.

The official praised security efforts in pursuing liquor and drug smugglers adding that they have minimised contraband in the country. However, he felt that these efforts should be combined with an educational awareness campaign in the community and especially in schools.

Shatti claimed that the number of crimes committed by females was relatively low. Crimes committed by women were usually quarrels, shoplifting or drug cheques.

Hawalli was the area where the highest percentage was recorded. This, added the official, is due to its dense population.

He claimed that necessary measures were taken by the department to follow up the statistics process at Farwaniyah Governorate. A computer will be installed at the governorate this year.

## Non-payment of wages an unjust action, says Rashed Al Falah

## Thousands of Asian workers suffer deprivation

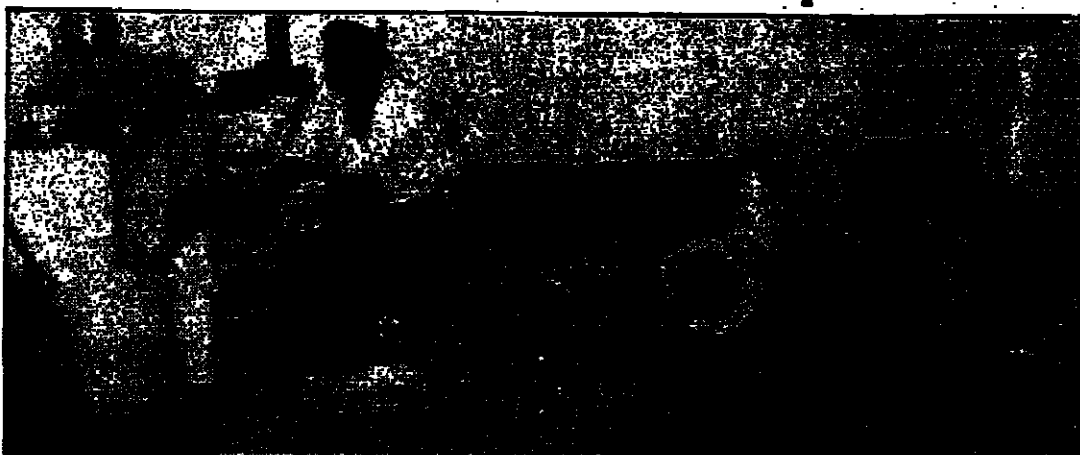
A SERIOUS problem has arisen from the fact that many local companies have suspended paying Asian workers their salaries. This and the inhumane conditions that are imposed on the workers have attracted the attention of both the relevant embassies and Kuwait officials.

These workers came to Kuwait after signing legal contracts with the companies, however the latter did not honour the contracts, thus leaving tens of thousands starving and living in deprivation.

The majority of workers, technical or otherwise, are suffering from the lack of payment over several months, sometimes up to eight months. According to reliable sources, the total amount of unpaid salaries of Sri Lankan workers in Kuwait has reached KD100,000.

Workers usually wait for three months without pay and without complaining to the relevant authorities, hoping that they will be paid eventually. However, they then turn to their embassies, who can do nothing except provide moral support and advice on how to proceed against employers. On many occasions, workers organise strikes or sit-in at their embassies until they are promised solutions and thereafter return to work.

There are about 50,000 Indian



Most Asian workers live in squalid conditions in Kuwait. This one room is used by labourers as living quarters as well as a kitchen.

workers in Kuwait, of which over 20,000 are maids and servants. There are also 52,000 Bangladeshi workers, 35,000 Filipinos (mostly maids) and 100,000 Sri Lankan workers (about 40,000 being maids and servants) in Kuwait.

Workers are hired with promises of attractive salaries and free accommodation, however, on arrival they realise that the promises are just that. Even their modest salary is frequently deducted by employers who claim that the deduction pays for food or savings for the return ticket.

Between five and ten Asian workers are usually crowded into

a single, narrow, unhealthy, non-airconditioned room, thereby breaking a Kuwaiti labour law (which states that workers should have comfortable accommodation). A worker claimed that inspectors are only shown the cleaner and larger rooms. The workers blame agents in their countries who brought them to work in Kuwait as they forged contracts and broke laws. Using Asian workers has become a profitable trade as it does not require a large capital and the demand on such workers is rising continuously.

The Chairman of Kuwait Labourers Union, Rashed Al Falah, called on officials to study

and settle the workers' payment problem when the workers pleaded for help from the Kuwaiti government. He described the behaviour of employers as unjust.

Although the ministry sympathises with workers, there is no law which protects and organises labour employment. Also, as a free market, there is no minimum wage limit, such wages depend on the principle of supply and demand.

Workers and their embassies have called for the development of a salary scale for workers in the private sector which should be determined by a minimum wage requirement.

## Teachers federation message to Amir

KUWAIT, Jan 11, (KUNA): HH the Amir Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah today received a cable from the Chairman of Arab Teachers Federation in Tunis Dr Adel Zeidan.

Zeidan expressed gratitude and appreciation to HH the Amir, who is the present chairman of the Organisation of Islamic Conference, for his first stance and unlimited support to the Palestinian uprising and toward ending the Iraq-Iran war.

A conference for the federation was held in Tunis recently.

## Crown Prince bureau

KUWAIT, Jan 11, (KUNA): Kuwait News Agency has learnt that the bureau of His Highness the Crown Prince and Prime Minister will be moved to Bayan Palace as of next Saturday, January 14.

## \$416 million Iraqi highway opens

BAGHDAD, Jan 11, (Reuters): Iraq has opened a 130 million dollar (\$416 million) road which forms part of a planned highway linking it with Kuwait in the south and Syria and Jordan in the west.

The Iraqi News Agency (INA) said today that the 106 km (66 mile) road from Baghdad to the western town of Hilla was built by a Yugoslav company, Union Engineering, and was opened yesterday.

It is the fourth phase of the 1,200 (720 mile) project.

## Man suffocates to death

TWO Egyptian cleaning workers were rushed to Farwaniyah hospital from Jleeb Al Shuyoukh. One had already suffocated to death and the other's condition was reportedly critical.

Ensuing investigations revealed that both workers had been sitting in a closed room with a conventional heater on.

## Contract signed

A CONTRACT has been signed between the Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research and the Kuwait Poultry Company to conduct studies in poultry farming aimed at realising food security at the local level.

The contract was signed by Dr Ahmad Ali Al Jassar, director-general of the institute, and Fadel Al Kazmi, director-general of the company.

## UNESCO chief may visit Kuwait in February

GENEVA, Jan 11, (KUNA): The Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO), Federico Mayor, is to visit Kuwait, perhaps in February, Kuwait Education Department officials said today.

The planned visit by the new UNESCO head was discussed in Geneva in a meeting between Mayor and Kuwait Education Minister Anwar Abdullah Al Nouri, they added.

No dates were finalised, but as Mayor is due to go to Jordan and

Oman in February, it is possible his trip to Kuwait would be timed to coincide with those visits, they said.

During the meeting with the education minister, other items discussed were the promotion of ties between UNESCO and Kuwait and the problems of the developing world, in education.

Both men are in Geneva to take part in the 41st International Education Conference, organised by UNESCO and its affiliated agency, the International Bureau of Education.

## Dual chairs meeting of national afforestation committee

KUWAIT, Jan 11, (KUNA): The Higher Committee for the Greening and Beautification of Kuwait met today under the chairmanship of the Board Chairman and Director-General of the Public Authority for Agriculture Affairs and Fish Resources, Redah Al Feeli of the Information Ministry and Saud Al Nasser of the Electricity and Water Ministry.

The meeting, attended by all members of the committee, tackled several topics including the greening of areas around government buildings, formulation of detailed studies and designs of proposed national entertainment parks, soil surveys as well as implementing greening work around the desert entertainment yard.

The committee comprises 15 members including Engineer Ahmed Al Naqeb, Sheikh Athbi Saleh, Al Ali Al Sabah of the Public Authority for Agriculture Affairs and Fish Resources, Redah Al Feeli of the Information Ministry and Saud Al Nasser of the Electricity and Water Ministry.

## Cosmetics exhibition

THE Perfume and Cosmetics Exhibition will open Feb 4 until Feb 10 at the Mishref-based International Fairground under the auspices of Rashed Al Mejren, Assistant Under-Secretary at the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, according to a local daily.

## Deadlock in Gulf war negotiations dampens land transport hope

LAND transport companies, in Kuwait, expected an upsurge in their business after the Iraq-Iran ceasefire, but deadlocked negotiations between the warring countries in Geneva have killed hopes.

The eight-year Gulf war led to a stagnation of land transportation activities and a sharp fall in prices.

Saeed Dashti, director of Kuwait & Gulf Link Transport Company, said that the transport companies convey cement, wood, steel, vehicles, foodstuffs and prefabricated houses from various ports to warehouses and neighbouring countries. He added that 80 per cent of incoming goods was transported locally while 20 per cent was transported to Iraq, Saudi Arabia, UAE and Jordan.

Dashti claimed that pressure was highest during the first three months of the year due to the annual contracts of importers, however business is stagnant in the summer and during the holy month of Ramadan.

Dashti pointed out that transportation prices were reduced by 60 per cent during the war, regardless of the increase in expenses.

## Duplication study under review

THE ad-hoc committee assigned to sort out the existing functional duplication between the Ministry of Communication and the General Customs Department has reportedly completed its studies and submitted its recommendations to the Department of Legal Advice and Legislation for a legal review.

The Legal Advice and Legislation Department would also determine the legality existing between the customs border formalities and overland transport against the draft law.

The law is currently under consideration by the department to unify transport tariff for the GCC and provide official registration for all companies operating in this field.

The draft law which was submitted to the department by the Overland Transport Department has been passed to the Council of Ministers for review and endorsement.

## Drug pushers

CID men at the Capital Governorate, arrested two Pakistani nationals, Riasat A and Mohammed Z, on charge of trading narcotics. They were seized with two kilos of heroin, at their residence.

## Traffic accidents

TWO women, a man and a child were injured in the course of 23 traffic accidents that occurred in Kuwait on Tuesday. Six were reported in the Capital, one in Hawalli, nine in Ahmadi and seven in Jahra.

## BAHRAIN DIGEST

## New hair growth stimulator launched in Bahrain

AT a press conference yesterday at the Regency Hotel in Bahrain, two leading experts on Male Pattern Baldness highlighted its causes and the effectiveness of a new hair growth stimulator. The conference was called to introduce 'Regaine', the product of an American pharmaceutical company.

According to Dr Mohamed Abdel Rahim Abdallah, a leading professor of dermatology, baldness is not a disease, but a phenomenon that affects humans as well as primates. There are two factors causing baldness: genetic and hormonal. He described hair growth in three stages. Hair growth takes place in the first stage lasting three years, followed by a resting stage and eventually shedding stage.

Dr Abdallah emphasised that climatic factors in the Gulf and the Middle East do not affect patients in the region in any way different from those in other parts of the world. He stressed that the symptoms of baldness are the same everywhere.

Dr Anthony Mitchell, head of medical services at Upjohn, UK, stated that to stimulate hair regrowth Regaine needs to be continually applied for life.

He stressed that younger patients will respond to Regaine faster than older ones. According to Dr Mitchell, Regaine offers no guarantee for permanent hair regrowth. He said the main aim is to help people come to terms with their baldness.

Based on a MPB study conducted by Upjohn, doctors claim that nearly 39 per cent of patients responded to Regaine treatment, while 48 per cent express positive response with the new drug.

Medical experts categorically state that Regaine cannot offer any 'miracle cure' to the permanent solution of baldness, but can only help a patient to psychologically and emotionally deal with his baldness over a period of time.

Regaine is available in Bahrain in a package of 30 ml which should last a month after daily use of 1 ml.

## Kuwait, Saudi health project for Afghans

THE Chairman of the Kuwait Islamic Da'wa Committee (Call to Islam Committee) Majed Bader Al Sayed Hashem Al Rifai has said that hundreds of Afghan families have crossed the borders into Pakistan to escape the ongoing strife in their country.

He told a press conference that about ten thousand homeless families were now living out in the open between Peshawar and Torkham in northern Pakistan.

He said that a delegation from the committee visited the Afghan refugees and found them labouring under miserable conditions. TB and malaria were common due to polluted drinking water

and a scarcity of much needed vaccines.

He added that the committee was sponsoring a Refugee Health Project fifty kilometres away from the towns of Peshawar, which is partly funded by the Saudi authorities. The project aims to provide an integrated health care plan by 1990.

He said that the committee paid KD 250,000 each year for medical and pharmaceutical supplies to refugees and that it funded the establishment of first-aid and nursing training centres for Afghani youths, with programmes taking 60 participants at a time.

## Smoking among schoolgirls is on the increase: Awadi

SEVERAL per cent of schoolgirls in Kuwait smoke and nearly a third of the female students do so, according to Dr Abdul Rahman Al Awadi, Minister of Planning and head of the Kuwaiti Society for the Prevention of Cancer and Smoking.

He said that the number of smokers among schoolgirls is continuously increasing. A study conducted by the Ministry of Planning revealed that 65 per cent of female students have tried smoking at least once in their life. Awadi declared that this phenomenon is dangerous to Kuwaiti society.

The minister wished there was a law preventing teachers from smoking in front of their students as this encourages adolescents to do so too. Teenagers look up to teachers and parents as an example, he said.

Awadi criticised advertising companies for the promotion of tobacco, adding that by doing so, they help increase the number of smokers.

Dr Hussain Al Momen, head of the School Health Department and General Secretary of the Society for the Prevention of

Smoking, said that the number of female smokers had increased, especially among the young.

He explained that women smoke for various reasons, including a feeling of equality with men, a trendy lifestyle and a warped sense of freedom.

The official pointed out that females who smoke suffer premature ageing, hair loss, swollen eyes and early menopause.

Hazards are doubled during pregnancy, he said and added that smoking is also the main cause of lung diseases, cancer, and heart disease.

Momen said that the body, before the age of 20, is capable for renewing all of its cells and hence women who are under 20 can easily stop smoking.

The society will co-operate with concerned authorities to formulate laws to restrict the amount of cigarettes imported into the country. It is also planning an intensive campaign to prevent people from smoking in public places and the selling of cigarettes to the young.

## Geological studies on Al Dahr landslides

THE Council of Ministers has set up a ministerial committee to study the geological aspects of landslides that appeared in Al Dahr and other areas of Kuwait, according to Nasser Al Roudhan, minister of housing affairs and chairman of the committee.

The committee will consist of ministers of oil, communications and higher education.

Roudhan said the committee will study the possibility of establishing a geological department or authority to collect all geological information and data on Kuwait.

He claimed that relevant authorities should reconsider and implement present housing policies. He explained that these policies cannot cope with present and future developments, although they were drafted by experienced personnel.

The administrative and organisational structure of the authority will be subject to new changes after the decree is issued which merges the Housing Ministry with the authority. Any gaps that appear in the new policy will be filled, the official said.

## Kuwaiti students abroad saw major developments in 1988

WASHINGTON, Jan 11, (KUNA): Kuwaiti students studying in the US and elsewhere achieved major strides forward during 1988, thanks to Kuwait government efforts which are aimed at improving students' conditions and education, it was emphasised here Tuesday.

Dr Mused Al Haroun, Cultural Counsellor in Washington, said in an editorial published in the latest issue of the Kuwaiti student magazine, Al Saffar, that a number of accomplishments were realised in 1988 as far as Kuwaiti students are concerned.

The visits of HH the Amir to the United Nations and that of the Crown Prince and Prime

Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah to Washington and their meetings with Kuwaiti students crowned a series of crucial events during the year, Al Haroun emphasised.

"The meetings were an embodiment of the concern of officials in the government, headed by the Amir and the Crown Prince, to sponsor and protect the interests of those studying at home and abroad," Al Haroun said.

The establishment of a Ministry for Higher Education in Kuwait and the appointment of a minister to head this ministry was yet another major stride forward in the field of education

during 1988, the editorial said.

Other key developments included the Fourth Annual Convention of the Union of Kuwaiti students in the US, when a number of education experts addressed the students and their concerns.

The cultural office in Washington took a series of measures during 1988 aimed at improving educational standards and facilities of Kuwaiti students in the US, who number about 3,000.

Based on a memorandum submitted by Kuwaiti students to the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad during his visit to the US in July and based on the

decisions adopted at a conference of cultural counsellors held in Kuwait recently, grants for students studying abroad were increased in the last year to meet the rising costs of living.

The January issue of 'Al Saffar' carries an interview with the director of the Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research, Dr Ahmad Al Jassar.

In addition, the monthly carries the second part of a study on 'the best American universities' conducted by Walid Al Mufti, an official from the cultural section in Washington. Various articles by Kuwaiti students are also published in this latest issue.

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# Hema Malini: in pursuit of classical dance

By Fathima Ahmed

A COLLAGE of colour symbolising emotions will form the theme of Indian film star Hema Malini's dance-ballet show in Kuwait on Friday.

Hema Malini arrived yesterday for her one-day performance with her group of 12 dancers, boys and girls, who will present a two-and-a-half-hour show featuring eight dance items.

In the backdrop of colours, dancers will give a glimpse of the conflicting emotions—like the rainbow hues symbolising such moods as joy, sorrow, anger and others.

"I would describe the content of the show as semi-classical, a blend of folk art and classical dance. The classical numbers have been modified to attract the present generation of viewers," Hema Malini said.

Most dances are a mixture of Bharatanatyam, Kathak, Manipuri, Odissi and various folk dances from different parts of India.

Some of the items that will be presented include Ardha Nareishwar, a dance depicting "shakti" (power); Ritu Rang, a number showing the onset of spring; Triveni, the meeting of three Indian rivers; Indradhanush, representing seven moods and the Holi dance, performed



Hema Malini: dancer-actress to celebrate the festival of colour. Hema Malini will also present excerpts from her dance-ballet called Meera. The

dances have been choreographed by Bhushan Lakandri, who will perform several numbers with Hema Malini.

Hema Malini has been on the Indian film scene for nearly two decades, appearing in scores of commercial films with some of the top heroes of Bombay. Her most memorable performance was in the film "Ek Chadar Mali Si", based on Rajinder Singh Bedi's novel of the same name.

A dancer from an early age and an exponent of Bharatanatyam, Kuchipudi and Mohiniattam, she never gave up her first love and gave classical dance recitals in different Indian cities despite her commitment to films. Two years ago she formed her own dance group called Natyavihar Kalakendra to promote classical dances in India.

"There comes a time in life when people must diversify their interests and do things they have always wanted to do," she said.

She gathered a group of talented dancers and trained them to perform such dance-dramas as Ramayan, which she presented in the US last year, and Meera.

## Response

She received tremendous response for her recitals, and encouraged, she has decided to devote a great deal of her time to dancing.

"Wherever I have gone, Indian parents have asked me

to send teachers to train their children in classical dances; people want to keep in touch with our cultural heritage and this is an encouraging sign," she said.

She believes dance culture has a bright future in India. "We have a centuries old heritage, and there is no way it will be eclipsed," she said.

Hema has not given up her career in films. "I will act as long as I can," she said, her doe eyes looking intently at you. She is producing two films—Maarg, a film about the conflict of emotions that arises when a god-fearing woman and a criminal come face to face; and Awaargi, a love-triangle with Anil Kapoor, Meenakshi and Govinda. She is also acting in Deshwasi, Desh Ke Dushman, Jai Kali, Rehail and two as yet untitled ventures.

Hema Malini is also producing and acting in a TV serial called "Nupur", a 13-episode serial on the links between temples and the origin of dances in India. It is being scripted by Gulzar. Nupur also stars Kabir Bedi and Mohan Agashi.

Hema is flitting between her film assignments and her own TV production, finding time to cater to her penchant for dance. "We have inherited classical art forms. Why should we forget them?" she asks. She has not forgotten them.

## HOTELS

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Thursday's is BBQ Night at Le Mirage Night Club, with full buffet and entertainment by the Al Arzz Band.

The Friday Family Brunch introduces cartoon characters on the ship's discovery; train tour of the hotel's garden and waterfront.

The Marina Takeaway Counter features a selection of sandwiches and snacks, 4 to 11 pm.

**At the Kuwait International**  
JAN 14: The Pato de Alba trio from Alicante, Spain, will present the Ballet Espanol featuring classical Flamenco and folklore dances at the Fatima Restaurant. Spanish food, a la carte, will be served.

The La Palma offers Friday brunch, 11.30 am to 3 pm; hot and cold buffet, family entertainment and light music played by the Soft Trio.

**At the Holiday Inn**  
Every Wednesday is "Sea Drama on Ice" in Al Dana. Thursday night is Indian night featuring exotic eastern cuisine; and listen to the music played by the Gharibian Trio. Enjoy Arabian Night in Al Andalus Supper club on Thursday nights. Friday brunch—fun time for families; games, prizes. Also open to Jaycee Club members.

**At the Sheraton**  
Riccardo's Italian cuisine prepared using home-made pasta; lunch and dinner, evening entertainment by the Senna's Duo. Closed on Fridays.

**Al Hambra:** Sundays: Lebanese cuisine; Tuesday's is Thai Night; Wednesday's: seafood night; musicians provide a blend of music from the East and the West.

Friday's buffet brunch while the children enjoy games in the ballroom next door.

Hunt Room: lunch and dinner rest., specialises in meat and fish dishes.

Le Tarbouche: offers a taste of Lebanon for lunch and dinner. Thursdays: Arab world specialities night.

Coffee Shop offers casual meals and quick lunches plus a daily special.

## CINEMA

**British Council**  
JAN 14/15: 6.30 pm. A feature film "Death on the Nile" will be shown at the British Council. Starring Peter Ustinov, the film is about murder, mystery and jealousy onboard a steamer on the River Nile. Duration: 140 minutes. Admission is free but it is advisable to reserve seats. Tel: 2515512, 2533204.

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## WHAT'S ON

### ARTS

**Sultan Gallery**  
ANN Eid: Photographs of Kuwait, on show at the gallery, Thunayan Al Ghanem Bldg., Al Soor St. Open daily from 5-8 pm.

**Iwan Gallery**  
EXHIBITION of lithographs by three 19th century Orientalists. Open from 9 am to 1 pm, 5 to 9 pm, at the gallery located in Zahra Complex, Salmiya.

**Ghadir Gallery**  
JAN 10-24: Kuwaiti artist Awatif Al Shatty will display a selection of her latest paintings at the gallery. It will be open from 9 am to 12.30 pm and 4 to 8.30 pm.

**Kuwait Society for Formative Arts**  
JAN 27 to FEB 9: The Kuwait Society for Formative Arts will hold the annual general exhibition, displaying art works by Kuwaiti and non-Kuwaiti plastic artists.

The society invites formative artists, Kuwaiti and non-Kuwaiti, to submit their works. Rules: The exhibition is open to all plastic artists residing in Kuwait. A maximum of three paintings can be submitted. Only original works which have not been exhibited before in Kuwait or elsewhere will be accepted. The works of art that will go on show will be selected by a committee and the Society retains the right to reject any work of art. The last date for submitting entries is Jan 20. Entries can be delivered from 5 to 8 pm at the premises of the K.S.F.A., Hawalli.

**Konkani Drama**  
JAN 13: 3 pm. Labour Union Hall, Hawalli. The Goa Cultural Association presents Konkani drama entitled "Tujem Sukh Mozo Dushman," written and directed by Rex de Barde. The cast includes the Mendes Brothers, Anthony and guest-stars from Goa—William de Curtin and S. Lemos. For details contact the GCA members.

**Festival of Dances**  
JAN 13: 4 pm and 7.30 pm. Indian film star Hema Malini presents a festival of Indian classical dances and dance drama at the Andalus Cinema. Dinner with the artistes will be held at the IAC on Jan 12.

**Kuwait Players**  
Kuwait Players present Alice in Wonderland, a musical fantasy directed by Carol Jelley. It will be performed at the Universal American School, Salwa. Performances are as follows: Jan 17 (7.30 pm) Gala night including buffet. Jan 18 and 25 (6.30 pm) family night. Jan 19/26: matinee (3 pm) and evening (7.30 pm). Jan 20: 3 pm, 5.30 pm. Jan 23: 5.30 pm. Madhatters Tea Party, followed by Alice in Wonderland. Jan 27: Final performance. Tickets —

**KD3 (adults) and KD2.500 (children).** For reservations call 5726048, 5657749.

**Gujarati Drama**  
THE Gujarati community in Kuwait will hold a full-length (three-act) play to commemorate the Nehru Centenary in May. Gujarati-speaking Indians who are interested in acting or helping backstage are requested to call 5618413 (9 am to 1 pm) or 5653279 (4-7 pm) before Jan 25.

**Konkani Drama**  
FEB 3: The New G.O.A. will present the Konkani drama "Ekuch Kazar," featuring M. Boyer, Betty Naz, Sabina, Rosario Dias and others, at the IAC. For reservations call 2402188.

**Social**  
Nirjhar  
JAN 13: 6 pm. The Nirjhar Cultural Group will hold a variety show at the Holiday Inn Hotel to celebrate the Victory Day of Bangladesh. The show, originally scheduled for Jan 6, was postponed due to unavoidable circumstances. All invitees are requested to attend. For details call Mahe Alam — 4311856; Firoz — 4310483.

**Kapilku-Flashek**  
JAN 13: 6.30 pm sharp. The new officers of Kapilku and Flashek will be sworn in at a ceremony at the Meridian Hotel.

**Delta Get-together**  
JAN 13: 4 pm. The participants of the Delta Medical Centre will hold a get-together at the Holiday Inn Hotel. Dr. Syed Mokarram Ali will be the chief guest. All DMC participants are requested to attend.

**Continued**  
JAN 14: The next meeting of the ladies information group Contact will be held at the SAS Tent. Newcomers to Kuwait are particularly welcome. For details tele. 3720197/4874513/5388105.

**PRAYERS**

Fajr 5.20 am  
Zuhr 11.57  
Asr 2.51 pm  
Maghreb 5.09  
Isha 6.31

FRIDAY  
Fajr 5.20 am  
Friday Prayer 11.57  
Asr 2.51 pm  
Maghreb 5.10  
Isha 6.32

## TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

### KTV 1

9.00 Holy Quran  
9.15 Dabdoob Al Musiqar: cartoon serial  
9.45 Tum Tek and Children  
10.15 Documentary/Varieties  
10.45 L.F.O. Trailer: English film  
12.00 Al Zankalooni: Arabic serial  
1.00 News  
1.05 World today via satellite  
1.40 Fawazir Al Munasabat: prepared by Yahya Fakhrani, Hala Fuad, Sabirin.  
2.00 Sports in a Week: a weekly programme focussing on local and world sports.  
4.45 Bambo: Cartoons  
5.15 Liqa Al Khamis: variety show  
7.00 News Summary  
7.05 From People's Art  
7.30 Show Jumping: local equestrian events  
8.30 Ma'a Al Islam: prepared and presented by Dr. Khalid Al Madhkour  
9.00 News  
10.00 TV Window: prepared and presented by Abdul Rahman Najjar  
11.00 Rajul Didd Al Kaanon: Arabic film, featuring Mahmood Yaseen, Mervat Ameen, Tariq Dasouji, Hayatham. Directed by Hatyem Radi.  
12.15 Akhtarina Lakum: "We Present..." variety show  
1.15 News summary  
1.20 World today via satellite/ Holy Quran/Closedown

### FRIDAY

9.00 Holy Quran  
9.15 Cartoons  
9.45 Children's Magazine  
10.15 Fayeze Al Tush: Arabic serial, featuring Ghanem Slati, Abdul Aziz Jassim.  
11.00 Ahadith Mauduwa: religious programme  
11.15 Friday prayer  
12.30 Alwan: prepared by Mohammad Saeed  
1.00 News  
1.05 World today via satellite  
1.35 Istaraha:

2.00 We and Our Friends  
2.15 Hadith Deeni: religious talk  
2.45 Cartoons  
3.15 Cultural Film  
4.00 Ghawi Al Mashakil: Arabic serial, featuring Khalil Shawki, Sana Abdul Rahman, Fawzi Mahdi  
5.00 Kaifa Wa Akhwatuba: prepared and presented by Shareef Al Ilmi  
6.00 Kuwait in a Week  
7.00 News Summary  
7.15 KTV 1 Programmes Preview  
7.45 Al Usrah: "The Family" Fatima Rashid and Futooh Al Dalali discuss the role of the family in Arab society  
8.45 Hadith Al Usbooh: weekly religious talk  
9.00 News  
10.00 Wrestling  
10.45 Amsiya Al Jumaa: weekly local programme  
11.45 News Summary  
11.50 World today via satellite

### KTV 2

6.00 Holy Quran  
6.10 The Real Ghost Busters: cartoon serial  
6.30 Fairy Tale Theatre: a programme for young viewers. The story of a princess who is awakened from a 20-year sleep by a prince.  
7.30 T'n T: Mr T plays a tough streetwise private eye and his partner is a crusading lawyer, Amanda Taylor. Tonight Mr T helps a press photographer.  
8.00 News in English  
8.40 The Oldest Rookie: Paul Sorvino plays detective Porter in this police thriller. In this episode he explores the possibility of solving a crime by using psychics.  
9.40 Incredible Sunday: a programme on the lines of That's Incredible, it will feature a recreation of the story of the 17-year-old W. German schoolboy who lands his aircraft in Moscow's Red Square and other incredible stories.

10.30 Late Night Movie: "The Wind Cannot Read." Starring: Dirk Bogarde, Yoko Tani. The tale of a British pilot in WW II and his romance with a Japanese woman training him for language duty. A 1958 production directed by Ralph Thomas.

12.00 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/ Holy Quran/Closedown

### FRIDAY

3.30 Holy Quran  
3.40 The Sylvanian Family: new cartoon feature for children  
4.00 Football: preliminary round of 1990 World Cup qualifier. UAE vs Kuwait, live from Sabah Al Salem stadium  
6.30 Star Trek: the starship Enterprise encounters another spaceship as the adventure in outer-space continues this week.  
7.30 Face to Face: a new feature for young viewers  
8.00 News in English  
8.40 Breaking Away  
8.55 Big League Soccer: Brian Moore introduces this sports show on English League games  
9.40 Weekend: local programme on news and views about Kuwait  
10.00 The Charmings: a half-hour comedy about a family which returns to life after 1,000 years. Tonight, Prince organises a party for his neighbours  
10.30 Desperado: thriller. The Sheriff encourages townspeople to buy land in a deserted area  
11.30 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/ Holy Quran/Closedown

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.



Some of the Nirjhar group singers rehearsing for their variety show, scheduled to be held on Friday at the Holiday Inn Hotel.

## CINEMA TODAY

**Al Andalus**  
Aliens  
Starring: James Cameron  
**Al Sabhiya**  
Funoon centre performance  
**Al Hambra**  
Ayyam Al R'ob (Arabic)  
Starring: Mahmood Yaseen, Mervat Ameen  
**Drive-In**  
Yom Mar Yom Helu (Arabic)  
Starring: Faten Hamama, Mohammad Muneer  
**Fahadheel Open-Air**  
Badaltay Rishie (Hindi)

**Al Firdous**  
Inteqam (Hindi)  
Starring: Anil Kapoor, Meenakshi Seshadhi, Sunny Deol  
**Al Fahadheel**  
Night of the Creeps  
**Al Jahra**  
Uroos Min Damishq (Arabic)  
**Granada**  
Raising Arizona  
**Salaibikhat**  
Ennua Nadhante Nimmi (Malayalam)  
**Al Jleeb**  
Ganga Jamuna Saraswati

(Hindi)  
Starring: Amitabh Bachchan, Meenakshi Seshadhi  
**Ahmadi Drive-In**  
Fatimat Al Maqalaat (Arabic)

**FRIDAY**  
**Al Fahadheel**  
Oasis of Los Women  
**Al Jahra**  
Space Ball  
**Granada**  
Aatish (Hindi)  
**Salaibikhat**  
Dragnet  
**Ahmadi Drive-In**  
Al Ghajriya Al Aashiqah (Arabic)

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## ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

A MAN must not swallow more beliefs than he can digest — Havelock Ellis, US psychologist (1859-1939).

## Hirohito's death

## Prime chance to clean the house

By Teruaki Ueno

TOKYO (Reuters): The death of Emperor Hirohito has given Japan's ruling party a perfect opportunity to brush aside a number of scandals, political commentators said on Monday.

Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita on Sunday ordered the Justice Ministry to judge who should be eligible under a general amnesty traditionally declared after the accession of a new emperor to the Chrysanthemum Throne.

Tokyo University professor Takashi Inoguchi said the ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) particularly wanted to use Hirohito's death last Saturday to stop further probes of a share scandal which last month forced two ministers to resign.

There has also been widespread speculation that former Prime Minister Kakuei Tanaka, convicted of receiving bribes from the Lockheed Aircraft Corporation, would also be granted an amnesty.

**Upgrade**  
"Takeshita will skillfully manipulate the aftermath of the Emperor's death to upgrade the image of his administration," Inoguchi said.

But political analyst Kohtatsu Fujiwara said he did not think Takeshita would risk his own political position by pardoning Tanaka, a decision sure to raise a storm.

"Takeshita will abandon Tanaka, who once provided him with strong support," Fujiwara predicted.

A Justice Ministry official said the ministry would "make every effort to avoid public criticisms" in its choice of amnesty candidates.

## Concern over Ozal's leadership style

By John Owen-Davies

ANKARA (Reuters): The independent leadership style of Turkish Prime Minister Turgut Ozal is causing concern following the resignation of his deputy and a bureaucratic shake-up.

Ozal, in the midst of possibly his worst political crisis since taking office in 1983 after three years of Army rule, is regarded as autocratic by sections of his loose-knit party and meddlesome by some senior economic bureaucrats and bankers.

For the first time, senior members of the ruling Motherland Party are speaking out about what they view as Ozal's almost Ottoman-style leadership and the power he invests in his family.

Ozal, a 61-year-old conservative who has applied to take Turkey into the European Economic Community, said the resignation of Deputy Prime Minister Kaya Erdem would not affect his party.

But one Motherland deputy, described by the mass-circulation daily Hurriyet as a person who had held high party posts, told reporters:

**Losses**  
"We are not able to express ourselves. Although Ozal is still the party leader he has suffered losses. Now there are objections from the deputies... from time to time they reach a dimension which threatens to split the party."

"One day something will happen and we will face very serious consequences," the deputy said. Ozal is viewed widely as the only man who can keep intact the Motherland Party, embracing politicians from the Muslim right to Western-style liberals.

The party won 292 seats in the 450-seat parliament in the November 1987 general election.

Erdem, 60, was a long-time Ozal friend who helped to heal party rifts and acted as a conduit to opposition parties.

He stepped down last week after Bulent Semirler, 34, quit as head of the state-run Konutbank following a row with Erdem involving a businessman charged with an \$80-million bank swindle.

Semirler was one of the Western-trained "princes" brought home by Ozal to oversee economic liberalisation in predominantly-Muslim Turkey.

In a separate move last week Ozal's younger brother, State Minister Yusuf Ozal, 49, ordered at least 55 transfers from the Treasury, Treasury sources said.

"But the final decision will be made by the cabinet. In other words, it is all up to the Liberal Democratic Party which has the majority vote (in parliament)," the official said.

A spokesman for the Japan Communist Party said there would be a public outcry if Takeshita used the amnesty to help clean up the LDP's problems.

"If the government decides to pardon politicians and bureaucrats, there is no alternative but to dissolve the cabinet," he said. "That's what we will demand."

## Biased

"We are not opposed to the amnesty, unless it is biased towards politicians and high-ranking government officials involved in bribery and other political scandals," said a spokesman for the Japan Socialist Party.

In the share scandal, the Recruit Cosmos Real Estate Company is under investigation for offering cheap shares to leading politicians and businessmen before public sale.

About 550 people were released under a grand amnesty following the death in 1912 of Hirohito's grandfather, the Emperor Meiji, while 130,000 were pardoned after the death of his father, Emperor Taisho, in 1926.

The government is expected to announce the amnesty list on Feb 24 when the state funeral for Hirohito is due to take place, the ministry spokesman said.

"The death of the Emperor is very, very attractive for Takeshita," Inoguchi said. "He will use the death of the Emperor for his own good. He is such a clever and lucky man."

## Malpractices at schools

SIR: I support Imtiaz Hussein's views in his letter "Nationalise schools" (AT, Dec 22-23) and I thank the Arab Times for publishing such a bold letter and highlighting true grievances of people.

Nationalisation of Indian and Pakistani educational institutions is the only solution to end malpractices at the schools.

One of my best friends was a teacher in one of the Pakistani schools and one day his appointment was suddenly terminated because he had an argument with the principal and his wife for refusing to sign a false receipt showing he was receiving a higher salary than what he was actually getting. Now the case is in the court and we are waiting for the outcome.

Indian schools have a communal structure. The Ministry of Education should investigate why less qualified non-Muslim teachers are appointed while highly qualified and experienced Muslim teachers are rejected. Why Urdu is not included in syllabus of Indian schools as there are many

Muslim students in various Indian schools. If Hindus do not like to study Urdu, Muslims too should not study Hindi. And why the managements, and administrations of Indian schools are dominated by Hindus and non-Muslims while there are many Indian Muslims in Kuwait.

Management boards of these schools should be replaced by elected representatives.

Further, the following reforms should be made. Urdu must be made compulsory for Muslim students in all Indian schools at all levels. All salaries of school staff should be paid through banks. Those institutions against which complaints have been made with the Ministry of Education should be closed down. Enquiry panels should be set up and they should submit reports within a specified time. Without proper qualifications neither the principals nor their wives or relatives should be permitted to deal with school matters.

Qasim Ali, Safat

## Help lonely husbands

SIR: I refer to the letter "Family visa trauma" (AT, Jan 5-6). I presume that there are many different opinions about this issue, but nevertheless I feel that the concerned authorities should be lenient in this respect.

People, who have been in Kuwait for 10 years, and hold permanent jobs and drawing salaries of KD300 per month should be allowed to bring their families. There are only a very few people in Kuwait whose salaries are KD600, which is the minimum salary required for private sector employees to get family visa.

I feel that husbands should be allowed to bring their wives to Kuwait on visit visas for at least six months in a year. Many families break up due to long separation. Islam too is against husband and wife being separated for more than six months. Loneliness and frustration lead to temptations like adultery.

Godfrey de Livera, Kuwait.

## Big applause for Tamil drama

SIR: The people who staged the Tamil drama at the Indian Arts Circle on Jan 6, deserve a big applause.

It is unbelievable that such a drama could be staged in Kuwait. It is really difficult to imagine that such a professional touch could be given by amateurs. The director C.K.V. Raman deserves a pat on the back. He reached a professional level in his own acting as well as direction.

Others who performed very well are Kuppasamy, Satyanarayana and Pankajam. Despite many changes of scenes, those were done very quickly and in a highly efficient manner. The music was really soothing and pleasing.

I hope the group will not disappear after such a big bang in many years, but will continue to entertain Tamil audience more frequently in future.

Murthy, K.N. Safat.

## Awful newscasting

SIR: I draw the attention of Kuwait TV authorities to Channel 2 news programme. I specifically refer to the newscast on Friday, Jan 6, when at least four words were mispronounced and then repronounced again correctly.

Instead of pronouncing "denounce", the news reader pronounced "announce". "Iraq" for "Iran" "aboard" for "abroad", while the fourth one I fail to recall. These major mistakes besides total lack of style, performance, vitality and vigour make us feel disgusted at KTV 2 newscast.

Some newscasters appear weary and exhausted, while others appear to be always in confrontation with someone or some object that compels them to keep smiling awfully and unnecessarily. Even after making mistakes they smile.

This has, in fact, prompted many viewers to switch over to the Arabic news on Channel 1 despite their poor knowledge of the language.

TV authorities should take steps to bring the English newscast at least at par with that of the Arabic one which combines a confident reading without facial gestures, no pronunciation mistakes and wider coverage.

Syed Manzar Alam, Safat.

## Heavy burden on employees

SIR: Rumours that Kuwait Public Transport Company is about to increase bus fares and the government will shortly impose airport tax and health fees are worrisome to us.

The present bus fares are a heavy burden as the low salary employees pay one or two months' salary annually to KPTC for travelling.

Though in many countries like India and Pakistan fuel is expensive, bus fares are low. In Kuwait fuel is cheaper than mineral water, but fares are high.

Hence I request the concerned authorities neither to increase bus fares, nor to impose airport tax or health fees.

Mohamed Javed Shah, Kuwait.

## Indian baggage rules outdated

SIR: The present Indian customs free baggage allowance rules are outdated. According to these rules, an expatriate returning to India is allowed personal effects valued at merely Rs 1,250 if he/she is more than 12 years old, and Rs 300 below that age, irrespective of whether they are returning to India after one year or five years. A wrist watch valued at Rs 500 is also allowed free of customs duty.

This allowance was introduced nearly 10 years ago when the value of Indian rupee was around KD30 per Rs 1000. Today the value of the Indian rupee is around KD18 per Rs 1000, and the cost of goods has increased considerably due to inflation.

We are not aware whether the Indian embassy has taken up the matter of raising the customs baggage allowance with the concerned authorities in New Delhi. As this affects every Indian going home, I would suggest that all Indian associations and organisations take up the matter with the Indian embassy officials here and follow-up with New Delhi.

Our past experience has been, that whenever collective representation is made to the Indian government, there is a reasonable response and now is the time for Indians in Kuwait to press their demands for a higher free baggage allowance.

Vincent de Souza, Safat.

## Patch up differences

SIR: There has been a lot of controversy on certain issues among Goans in Kuwait involving some associations. But none has come forward to defend themselves. As such I assume there is hardly anyone who can face public criticism boldly. Such a silence proves that the allegations made by some people in the newspaper is true.

At this moment I can think only of one solution. A highly respected Goan social worker, Churchill Alemao, is due to arrive in Kuwait shortly. His presence will be a great opportunity for Goans in Kuwait to sort out their differences at various levels. Therefore, I strongly feel that someone should come forward and request Alemao to help patch up the differences among the Goans and put an end to the controversies and corruption in Goan associations.

Alemao, being the president of one of the top football teams in Goa namely Varca-MRF, could be of great help to the football associations in Kuwait.

By Patrick Wroonip

PARIS (Reuters): By announcing it will start destroying its chemical weapon stocks this year the Soviet Union has stolen another march on the United States at a time when Washington is between administrations, neutral diplomats said.

US officials, while welcoming the announcement by Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze at a chemical weapons conference in Paris, were quick to deny that Moscow was a step ahead of them.

They said the United States was already destroying part of its own poison gas stocks. "The Soviets are playing catch-up ball. They are catching up with where we are," one senior official said.

But even America's allies paid tribute to Shevardnadze's tactical skill in announcing a unilateral cut in chemical arms when the United States has merely been calling on other countries not to acquire them.

## Splendid

"I think it was a splendid performance — but one has to look beneath the surface a bit," said one NATO diplomat specialising in chemical disarmament.

A neutral diplomat commented: "It was a well-written speech. The Soviets are more open than the Americans. It does put the Americans on the spot a bit."

Eastern bloc officials went further. "It is about time the West realised what was going on. The Soviets have come up with another initiative, and it's not just blab-blah," one Hungarian delegate said.

Diplomats said the new Kremlin plan was another classic example of what they called Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's style of negotiation by concession.

The promise to start destroying chemical weapons stocks even before an agreement is reached in Geneva negotiations on a total ban on poison gas closely paralleled a pledge by Gorbachev last month to reduce Soviet conventional forces.

Gorbachev told the United Nations he would trim Moscow's armed forces by one tenth and withdraw thousands of troops, tanks and guns from Eastern Europe.

Shevardnadze's announcement on Sunday, however,

whose teams often fight on the Sour Grounds when they cannot accept defeat.

I wish good luck to the Goans in Kuwait and to Alemao in finding a solution to their problems.

Concerned Goykar, (Name and address supplied).

## Bhutto is not a martyr

SIR: The Arab Times carried a story on the celebration of former Pakistani Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto's birthday (Jan 7) and an advertisement in the Urdu section (Nov 20) referring to Bhutto as a shahid (martyr).

Islam clearly lays down guidelines as to who is a shahid. Nowhere have I found that a "convicted murderer" can be bestowed this honour.

I will not argue against claims that Bhutto's trial was influenced by the military rulers of Pakistan. Bhutto was tried and convicted by a civil court and his sentence upheld by the Supreme Court of Pakistan.

A convicted man cannot be called a shahid unless it is proved that he died for Islam. For truth, for his country or for any other good cause.

Benazir Bhutto, the present prime minister of Pakistan, should first go to the court to have her father's name cleared before she has prayers said for him in various assemblies of the country.

Until this happens, her father remains, in the eyes of the whole world, a convicted murderer.

Saqib Khalil, Hassawi.

## Justice meted out

SIR: Justice was meted out to Indira Gandhi killers by hanging them on Jan 6. All praise go to the Indian judiciary for allowing the defendants to exhaust all democratically available avenues to save their lives and due to this one person Balbir Singh, was saved from the gallows. The accused took over four years to defend themselves.

While not justifying the murder of Indira by her bodyguards, I definitely question her use of sending troops to the Golden Temple. Before taking recourse to this operation, she could have explored other less stringent measures like cutting all links to the Golden Temple from the outside world thus forcing Bhindranwale and his group to exhaust. A strong public opinion could have been created against the extremists staying inside the



Golden Temple by using moderate Sikhs and their intelligentsia.

Some of the wars on this planet were fought in the name of religion. Though all religions lead to the same destination, one easily gets hurt if his religion is offended, because religious sentiments are deeply ingrained in one's blood even though one may not practise it. If a careful thought was given to this analysis, lot of blood and ill-will could have been avoided. The ego and sentiments of innocent Sikhs were damaged when organised genocide and rape was conducted against them soon after Indira's killing. In this context, I admire the Americans who did no physical harm to the Palestinians in the US just because Sirhan Bishara Sirhan killed Senator Robert Kennedy.

A. Veronica Fernandes, Safat.

## Unnecessary criticism

SIR: I cannot understand the motive of the writer of the letter "Irregularities in Indian Schools" (AT, Jan 5-6) towards the Indian schools when he himself admits that his own children are studying in the Carmel School and "they are very pleased and happy."

This being the case, he should leave the irregularities if there are any, to be dealt with by the parents of the students of the Indian schools who are in a much better position than himself to understand.

I am not a Hindu and my children have been studying in the Indian School for the past 18 years, and honestly I can say that I have never heard of any such criticism from anyone. I only feel sorry for the writer.

A.M., (Name and address supplied)

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## Asian airline alert reveals abundance of fake passports

By Kathleen Callio

MANILA (Reuters): An alert around Asian airports against possible hijackings has revealed a large number of people travelling with fake documents.

Manila airport officials said these would be illegal immigrants were bounced back and forth by countries that did not want them.

"It's like a ping-pong ball," said Ruben Domingo, head of immigration intelligence at Manila International Airport.

Airports in the region have tightened security since a warning two weeks ago that Palestinian commandos planned to hijack an Asian airliner.

## Expedited

Domingo said since then alert immigration staff had been turning away one or two foreigners a day with fake or insufficient travel documents, most of whom were from Asia or the Middle East. That was up from an average of two or three a week over the past six months.

Domingo said that in the last two days of December officials expelled three Chinese holding fake Canadian visas, an Iraqi with an altered Saudi Arabian passport and a woman who described herself as Palestinian, carrying a false US passport.

He said many people turned away were sent back and forth several times between the same countries, including a Chinese-speaking man with a fake Filipino passport sent five times back and forth between Hong Kong and the Philippines.

A Western official of an international humanitarian organisation told Reuters some individuals without legal papers spent years "in orbit," either locked away in immigration detention centres or deported from one country to another.

## Easy

Domingo said Manila for years had the reputation of being one of the easiest capitals to travel through illegally, but security had become tighter over the past year.

Last February the immigration commissioner described Manila as the "world's capital" for obtaining fake passports, with around 80 syndicates operating in the city.

Domingo said many of the forged travel papers recently confiscated indicated they had been used successfully before in getting the illegal traveller through the airport.

"Things are a lot stricter now... we can no longer accept the rejects of other countries," he said.

In Canberra, an immigration department spokesman said

Australia dealt with about 2,000 cases of forged passports a year, and considered itself one of the toughest countries to enter on forged documents.

In Japan, an immigration official at Tokyo International Airport said about 7,500 foreign arrivals — mostly from Asian countries — were refused entry in 1988 because of forged entry documents.

## Forged

The Japanese Foreign Ministry has said Japan will suspend its mutual visa exemption agreements with Bangladesh and Pakistan following a sharp increase in illegal entrants.

A ministry spokesman said the accord, to be suspended from Jan 15, gave non-working visitors intending to stay in Japan for up to three months exemption from visa requirements.

But Japan's booming economy has attracted many Asians who gain entry on a visitor's visa then take unauthorised jobs, officials said.

Japanese authorities discovered 1,432 such visitors from Bangladesh in the first half of 1988, compared with just 58 in all of 1986, the ministry said.

They also discovered 1,169 visitors from Pakistan who were illegally working in Japan in the first half of 1988, compared with 196 in 1986.

## Soviet poison gas move steals new march on US

went into no detail of how much poison gas would be destroyed, or what type, and Western delegates immediately began to minimise the significance of the move.

The Soviet Union announced for the first time in 1987 that it possessed chemical weapons. But the figure it gave — 50,000 tonnes — was dismissed by Western officials who insisted the true amount was more like 300,000 tonnes.

## Facilities

Western delegates in Paris said the Soviet Union was unlikely to destroy much gas in the near future.

They said the Soviet destruction plan now being built at Chapeyevsk in Kazakhstan appeared to be an experimental one with only limited capacity.

"If they are going to destroy a lot of gas in an ecologically

acceptable way they don't really have the facilities," one Western official said.

Shevardnadze said foreigners would be invited to visit the Chapeyevsk plant when it was finished, which Soviet officials said would be this year.

The Americans have their own experimental plant at Tooele, Utah, and US officials said they had been destroying obsolete American chemical weapons there since the early 1980s.

They gave no figures but Washington is pledged ultimately to reduce its chemical weapons, whose amount it has not disclosed, to one tenth of present levels.

This would include new "binary" weapons — two harmless chemicals which combine during delivery to form lethal nerve gas — which the United States started producing in 1987 after an 18-year break.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1598 — Pope Clement VIII seizes Duchy of Ferrara in Italy.
- 1684 — France's King Louis XIV marries Mme. De Maintenon after death of Maria Theresa.
- 1848 — Revolt starts in Palermo, Italy, against corruption of Bourbons.
- 1879 — British-Zulu war begins in Africa.
- 1945 — German forces retreat in disorder in Battle of the Bulge in Belgium during World War II.
- 1953 — Yugoslav National Assembly adopts new constitution.
- 1958 — Soviet Union proposes zone free of nuclear weapons from Arctic Circle to Mediterranean.
- 1964 — Zanzibar is declared a republic amid rebellion and the sultan is banished.
- 1967 — China's Army pledges support to Mao Tse-Tung during disorders triggered by Chinese Cultural Revolution.
- 1968 — United States and Kampuchea agree on policy to keep Kampuchea from becoming embroiled in Vietnam war.
- 1970 — Breakaway Biafra surrenders, ending 31-month-old Nigerian civil war. Biafra leader General Odumegwu Ojukwu flees with family.
- 1972 — Sheikh Mujibur Rahman of new state of Bangladesh resigns as president to become prime minister under parliamentary system of government.
- 1974 — North African nations of Libya and Tunisia announce they have agreed to merge as new republic.
- 1976 — Coalition cabinet in Thailand collapses with resignation of Prime Minister Kukrit Pramoj.
- 1986 — Tamil separatist guerrillas kill seven Sri Lanka Army soldiers and wound nine others in ambush in northern province of Sri Lanka.
- 1988 — Soldiers and Palestinian crowds disrupt United Nations official's attempts to inspect Gaza Strip's crowded refugee camps.



SO MANY events occurred in 1988 that it's hard to keep them all straight. Fortunately my files on the year are in perfect order.

I guess the big story was Dan Quayle walking out on Robin Givens after she humiliated him on the "Wheel of Fortune."

Robin told show host Morton Downey, "Dan is no Mike Tyson."

This was two weeks after Tammy Bakker broke Jimmy Swaggart's nose when she threw a chair at him on "War and Remembrance."

In sports, George Bush swam the Boston Harbour but failed to win an Olympic Gold Medal because he was illegally nudged forward by two gray whales 100 yards from the finish line.

Donald Trump bought the Pentagon. He immediately announced that he would rename it the "Trump Military-Industrial Complex" and open it as a nursing home for tired lobbyists and defence contractors.

Imelda Marcos walked out on Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir after she complained that Shamir tore all the heels off her shoes in a rage. She told reporters, "He may know

## The Art Buchwald Column

### 1988: as it really was

how to keep the West Bank, but he doesn't know how to keep a woman."

Leon Helmsley announced that her lifelong ambition was to decorate the inside of a Stealth bomber. "It needs the touch that only a queen could give," she said.

Mother Teresa beat Geraldo Rivera to a pulp after Geraldo demanded that she tell the studio audience how much she had made in the movie, "The Last Temptation of Christ." "Tapes of the fracas plus scenes from Rivera's most recent beatings were released to all three networks."

Canadians became very upset last spring when they heard that James Watt was praying for acid rain.

Wall Street ignored what was going on in the rest of the world. RJR-Nabisco was bought by a syndicate of homeless people from Battery Park, N.Y. They paid a record \$34 billion for the company, the entire

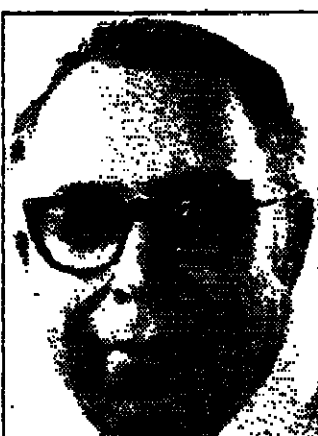
amount financed by junk bonds they had found in trash cans in an alley next to Drexel Burnham headquarters.

Winding up her eight years as First Lady, Nancy Reagan asked her astrologer what advice to follow now that she was leaving the White House. He replied, "Neither a borrower nor a lender be."

Ronald Reagan was anxious to know what he should do until his term ended and his astrologer said, "With your popularity at an all-time high, Mr. President, why don't you enter yourself in the Kentucky Derby."

Ollie North tried to get the judge to grant him a mistrial so that he could accept a job as an air traffic controller at Chicago's O'Hare Airport.

Margaret Thatcher and General Noriega are pffit! after she failed to get his alimony payments reduced by a Panamanian judge. During an independence



day parade, Noriega explained the breakup to his national guard by telling them, "I want women who keep their promises."

Despite all the vows she made, Barbara Walters did not interview the man in the street during 1988. "I don't do men in the street," Miss Walters told Oprah Winfrey, who had lost 30 pounds on the show that morning.

Forget about Shirley McLaine and Elvis Presley in 1989. While they are good friends now, Shirley said that the only man in her life is Leonardo da Vinci, with whom she lived hundreds of years ago after he became attracted to her smile.

Los Angeles Times Syndicate

## Bedtime horror

It's a wintry afternoon. The children are busy, it's cold outside. One mother of five made the fatal mistake of thinking this would be a good time to take a nap...

By Pat McDermott

FROM the beginning my children took to their mother... the only good adult is a wide-awake adult. To them, a sleeping parent means a child is not doing its job.

Personally, I have always made a point of not lying down near children. It's not restful, it's not even safe. Children like to wrestle violently, for possession of your body, falling heavily and suddenly on to a baring adult tumblers. Doze off in your favourite chair and they immediately set fire to the curtains, make popcorn in the microwave and sell the car to a passing stranger.

Knowing all this, why I risked a nap 2 weeks ago I can't explain. I was weary and there was a little headache drumming its heels just above my left eyebrow. Everyone was busy doing their own things. Even the baby was asleep.

I picked up a pile of folded laundry to hide behind in case anyone demanded to know what I was doing loitering in my bedroom in the middle of the day, told the man-of-the-house my plans, and moved quickly but silently upstairs.

1.10 So far, so good. I closed the door noiselessly kicked off my shoes, climbed onto the bed and pulled up the quilt. Bliss.

1.20 I'm still awake. Perhaps I've forgotten how to sleep during the day. After all, the last nap I had was in May 1982 and that was only because I fell asleep trying to turn my mattress.

1.25 I could try knocking myself firmly on the temple with a heavy book — but I think I'll read a chapter instead. It's a book about raising brothers and sisters to love each other. Should put me into a heavy sleep in minutes.

1.36 What was that noise? It sounded like breaking glass.

1.42 It was breaking glass but the man-of-the-house says it was nothing serious and I should go right back to sleep. By the way, where's the antiseptic, the gauze, the tweezers and the bandages?

1.51 Total time elapsed, 41 minutes. Total time asleep, none. My eyelids are getting heavy, my breathing is relaxed and even. I'm warm and comfortable... and the door is opening!

It's my eldest, Reagan, looking for spare coat hangers because she's tidying her room. It's childish to growl at someone tidying her room and, in any case, she is not going to come in again.

While I'm here, could you please make sure to buy me a note book. You know, the kind with wide lines in the front and back but thin ones in the centre. It has a purple cover with squiggles and swirls on it."

2pm Purple squiggles and swirls are drifting lazily in front of my eyes and so is something else. A little plastic Batman hanging from a piece of string. Patrick's hand is attached to the string. "I came in with Reagan and I hid from you. Why are you lying down? Can I have one of those chocolates in the larder? I won't ask ever again. I promise!"

2.10 That's better, an extra pillow and another blanket. I should do this every weekend. Why is the man-of-the-house shouting like that? I can only pick up a few words: "Sofa... felt pens... never wash out... mother sees..."

2.17 I read once that Winston Churchill was an inspired taker of naps. Right through the Battle of Britain, he dozed successfully in his underground headquarters. But then he was only dealing with Adolf Hitler.

2.19 The owner of the felt pens has taken over under my quilt. She is a quivering heap of righteous indignation. She didn't draw on the sofa. The baby drew on the sofa. It wasn't her fault that the baby found the felt pens she accidentally left



there after she finished all that homework she had to do.

2.30 Total time elapsed... one hour and 20 minutes. Total time asleep... none. This time the door flies open with such force, it hits the dressing table.

2.31 Patrick has struggled all the way upstairs carrying the baby because "she wants to see you and she has ink on her hands and she smells."

2.32 The baby trampolines all over the bed, occasionally ricocheting off the walls, blissfully unaware of ink or smells.

The telephone rings and I know there will be trouble. Reagan and Flynn burst in at the run: one vaults over the bed, the other hurries around and the battle for the right to answer the phone is on. The puzzled caller must have given up after a few minutes because by the time the girls have wrestled each other to a standstill using half-nelsons, the line is dead.

2.33 The man-of-the-house arrives to quell the riot. "What do you lot think you are doing? Your mother is taking a nap! She has a headache and needs peace and quiet. Do I make myself perfectly clear?" The man-of-the-house does a fair imitation of an angry sergeant with a bunch of raw recruits and hustles them out.

3.20 The struggle was worth it. I can feel myself drifting away. Peace and quiet... just the soft, low murmuring of voices in the background. What soft, low murmuring? The Gang of Four is sitting on the floor by the bed, working hard at being very quiet.

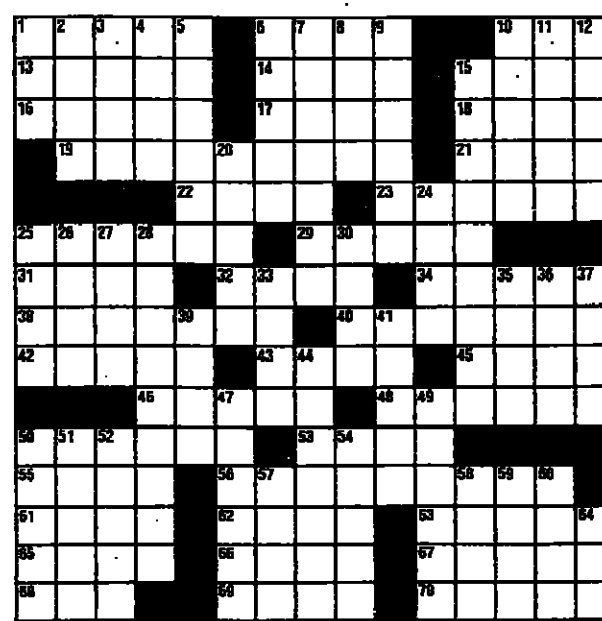
"We gave the baby a banana. It was the quietest food in the kitchen."

"Why are you all up here again? You know what Daddy said."

"We came up so we wouldn't bother him. He's been asleep for ages."

3.31 There isn't a jury in the land that would convict me...

## TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- Quagmire
  - Borscht
  - Ingredient
  - Bikini part
  - Hilo hello
  - Concerning
  - Clutch
  - Tibetan
  - holymen
  - Photo finish?
  - Kind of player
  - Henry
  - Longfellow
  - Fisher with bars
  - Byway
  - Revises
  - Sugar sources
  - Stage portion
  - "Oh, What — Was Mary"
  - English art patron
  - More mature
  - Venerated
  - Pasture land
  - Ski resort in Vermont
  - Protein hormone
  - Mideast port
  - Tomato disease
  - Have the wherewithal
  - Cried loudly
  - Inflorescence
  - Russian pianist
  - Gilts
  - William — Thackeray
- DOWN**
- de tete
  - There ought to be —
  - Italy's capital
  - Food fish
  - Wrangle
  - Beast of the plains
  - Beg
  - Part of QED
  - Leash
  - Chesterton's
  - Father —
  - Provoked
  - Copycats
  - John — Whittier
  - Fritter away
  - Drop anchor
  - God of war
  - In — (pique)
  - Heavenly peacock
  - Union leader
  - John — Lewis
  - moss
  - First father
  - Pedestal part

## GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

### CAUGHT IN THE END

Both vulnerable. South deals.

**NORTH**  
 ♠ K Q 4  
 ♥ 8 6 5 4  
 ♦ J 10 6  
 ♣ K 8 5

**WEST**  
 ♠ A 10 7 5 3  
 ♥ K 7  
 ♦ K 3 2  
 ♣ A 4 2

**EAST**  
 ♠ J 9 6 2  
 ♥ 3  
 ♦ 8 7  
 ♣ Q J 10 7 6 3

**SOUTH**  
 ♠ 8  
 ♥ A Q J 10 9 2  
 ♦ A Q 9 5 4  
 ♣ 9

The bidding:

South West North East  
 1 ♥ 1 ♠ 2 ♥ 2 ♠  
 3 ♦ Pass 4 ♥ Pass  
 Pass Pass

Opening lead: Ace of ♠

If all you need is one of two finessees to succeed, you should bring home your contract three times out of four. But there are other lines nearly as good which could give you a tremendous psychological lift if you were to prevail.

This hand is from the recent Summer North American Championships in Salt Lake City. North-South reached four hearts after a competitive auction, and West led the ace of spades. When dummy came down, it seemed that the contract would hinge on finding either red king with East. But declarer, Jim Mahaffey of Florida, decided on a different tack.

In effect, West was endplayed at

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

LABS BASS TSAR  
 ABRA OMIT ARISE  
 GUINEVERE TIRED  
 SITE LINED OLGA  
 LAND FELLA  
 PIRATE PALL LAD  
 EROSE ASKS AMA  
 DEUS PORTS SHOT  
 ANN SAVE SHARE  
 LED AGED CHIDED  
 TATER ELAN  
 SALE HAMEL ORE  
 NOBLE EXCALIBUR  
 ELLEN ALLEN DOER  
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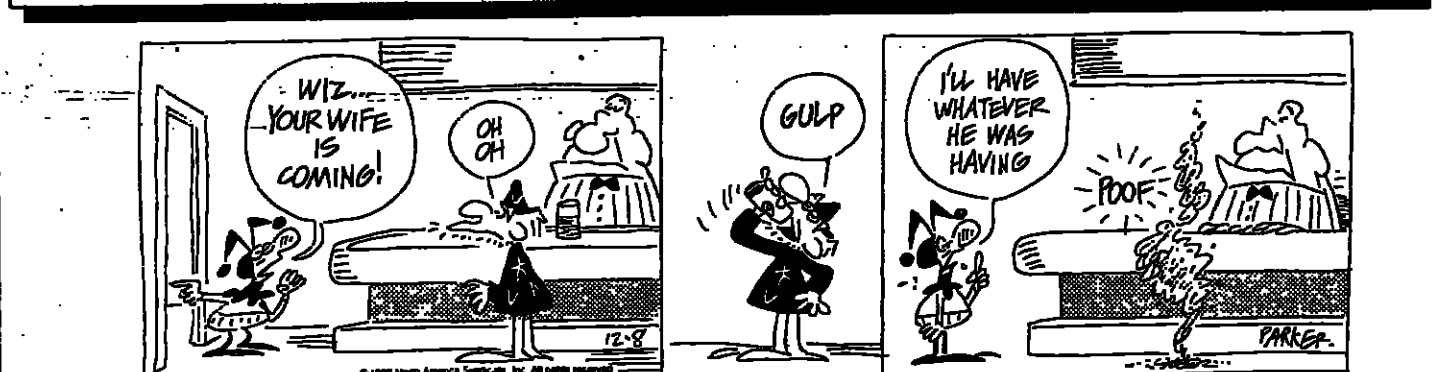
trick one. He cashed his two black aces, then continued with a club to dummy's king. Had declarer elected to take two finesesses, his correct play to the third trick would have been to lead to the nine of trumps. That way, if the finesse lost, the eight of hearts would be an entry to the table to hook for the king of diamonds.

However, declarer opted for another line. He discarded a diamond on the king of clubs, then took two more diamond pitches on the top spades. A club ruff stripped the black suits from the North-South hands, then declarer cashed the ace of trumps. Had the king dropped, not only would the contract have been cold, but declarer would have earned crowing rights over his opponents. When his majesty did not appear, declarer exited with a trump. When West won the trick, he was endplayed and the contract could be claimed. Had East won the trick, declarer would have had to fall back on the diamond finesse for his contract.



## THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



## B.C.

By Johnny Hart



## YOUR STARS

**Aries (March 20 - April 18)**

You will be better able to keep your mind on the work at hand. You should make an effort to be more tidy and methodical. Do not entirely neglect your private life. Be courteous.

**Cancer (June 21 - July 21)**

Something you have promised to do should be done without further delay. You will be better able to deal with your personal affairs. Avoid acting on the spur of the moment or on impulse. Be cordial.

**Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)**

You will have a better idea of what needs to be done to achieve your objectives. A letter you have been expecting will not carry the news you had hoped to hear. You would do well to make a few concessions. Be sensible.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan 19)**

You will be able to make good progress, but not everything will be smooth sailing. If you have made a promise do make sure you keep it, even if it costs you an extra effort to do so. Use charm and persuasion instead of trying force. Be circumspect.

**Taurus (April 19 - May 19)**

A little more time spent reading will be time well spent. You should try to be a little more sympathetic towards the plight of a friend of yours. Avoid getting into any kind of argument. Be magnanimous.

**Leo (July 22 - Aug. 21)**

You will find it easier to accept what cannot be changed. You should not spend too long pondering on what might have been. Avoid abandoning any of your principles. Be moderate.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)**

If you feel tired as you may well do you should try to ensure you get a bit more rest. Try to get on with what has to be done without allowing yourself to be sidetracked. There is no time to lose, but there is nothing to be gained by rushing. Be sincere.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)**

You will be better able to deal with practical matters. The more you do by yourself without relying on others the better. You should beware of making a promise that would be hard to keep. Be punctual.

**Gemini (May 20 - June 20)**

You should avoid too long chats on the phone. You are more liable to stomach upsets so take care, eat fewer fatty foods. Make sure you do not lose sight of your objectives. Be selective.

**Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 21)**

You should try to ensure you do not say anything you have not deliberated upon first. Nor should you put your signature on anything you have not read carefully. Make sure you get all the rest you need as well as a good amount of exercise. Be tolerant.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)**

A rather tricky matter will take up a great deal of your time and energy. However, in the end you will be able to make yourself master of the situation. You should not permit yourself to be distracted. Be tactful.

**Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 19)**

The Moon's better influence will help you to show a little more determination. You will have good cause to be pleased with yourself but none to be complacent. You should make sure you do not run down open doors. Be frugal.

## FAMILY DOCTOR

By DR ALLAN BRUCKHEIM

## RESEARCH INDICATES MERCURY NOT A PROBLEM

QUESTION: I've been reading some disturbing information about teeth fillings that could be poisonous and would like your opinion. If mercury is poisonous and is used to fill teeth, doesn't that mean you could be poisoned and should have all those fillings removed?

ANSWER: Research has been conducted on the question of whether mercury used in fillings should be a concern for patients and whether such fillings (dental amalgams) should be replaced with other materials, such as silver.

I, too, have read articles that discussed this situation and apparently so have the members of the dental profession, as well as other interested groups. After reviewing the research so far, The American Dental Association, The National Institute of Dental Research and the Public Health Service and Consumers Union concluded that, "except in individuals sensitive to mercury, there is no reason why a patient should seek to have amalgam restorations removed."

As if this was not clear enough, the House of Delegates of the American Dental Association in 1986 stated that, "Advocating the removal of clinically serviceable den-

tal amalgam restorations solely to substitute a material that does not contain mercury is unwarranted." That would seem to translate to "If it isn't broken don't fix it," even if the fillings contain mercury.

So, according to those who should know what they are talking about, it would seem that having a few fillings in your teeth that contain mercury poses no special risks for the patient. For the future, new methods of filling teeth and new formulas for amalgams probably have eliminated possible problems.

QUESTION: We visited a friend in the hospital who is distressed, not only by his condition, but by the conflicting information he has been given. He is all yellow and was told at first that it was a liver infection. Now he is being told it is an obstruction and that he must have surgery. Is there any way you can untangle this situation for us?

ANSWER: Your "yellowed" friend is displaying the effects of a condition called jaundice, which occurs when pigments found normally in the bile find their way into the blood stream and thus to the skin. That's what is causing the yellow color, but it only indicates a disease without specifically tell-

ing us which one. Jaundice is caused by a large number of diseases, certainly the most common being viral hepatitis. Most physicians would rank that disease as the No. 1 possible cause of jaundice, but the exact cause may be more difficult to diagnose. Besides a variety of infections, such as malaria, mononucleosis, yellow fever and others, the yellowing condition may be caused by drugs used to control other medical conditions.

More common though, are those conditions which block the flow of bile from the liver to the portion of the small intestines known as the duodenum. These situations range from blockage by gall stones in the small ducts through which the bile normally flows, to the closing of these small and delicate tubes by cancerous growths of the pancreas and of the ducts themselves.

We can use blood tests to distinguish between this type of jaundice, called obstructive jaundice, and the type caused by infections. With X-rays, doctors pinpoint the exact location of the blockage, and then it's up to the surgeon to remove the cause.

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## CINE ROUND-UP FROM BOMBAY

by Firoze Rangoonwalla

Special to the Arab Times

Disappointing selection for Indian panorama at Delhi film festival

## Poor pickings from a rich harvest

WHEN India plays host to an international film festival in the Indian capital, with the cream of cinema from various countries, it should ensure that its own contribution is equally powerful.

As of this year, the regular festival held every alternate January at Delhi, which used to have a competition section with awards, is also becoming non-competitive. This puts it on the same level as the festivals held in different Indian cities in the intervening year and prestigious fetes held in other countries, like the London Film Festival.

While competitive festivals have drawn mediocre or poor entries from abroad, their opposites have obtained some of the best products of contemporary world cinema.

All the more reason why the Indian showing at this year's festival should not give such a lean and feeble impression. The Indian Panorama is the section which is supposed to show the finest films made during the previous year (till September), in different languages and regions. Usually, twenty-one outstanding films are made into a package, which then travels also to other world festivals. But this time only 16 films have been selected. It is unbelievable that from over 800 films produced in the country, the selection committees in four centres could not find 21 good films or more.

## Exposition

Since the Panorama is only an exposition of the current Indian Cinema, there is no harm in having 25 to 30 films. The producer, concerned can make a sub-titled print, if he wants it to be entered. He would be willing, since the film would have a chance of being exported, obtaining good prices from foreign distributors.



Aditya Bhattacharya's Raakh, is technically brilliant but weak in substance.

or TV networks and even winning awards at some festivals. By limiting the number, we are only reducing the prospects of our own films.

Moreover, what has been selected this year has already done the rounds of foreign festivals and has even won small or medium type prizes, like Salsam Bombay, Antarjali Yatra, Pestonjee, Tamas, Nayakan and Pushpak.

Putting them in the Panorama would serve no purpose. Foreign delegates to the Delhi fete always flock to the theatre showing Indian Panorama films, in the hope of finding some gem from India. But this year, they have already seen most of the films, except some in Tamil and Telugu which in any case are generally not preferred.

The total count shows that

there are five Hindi films, one each in Assamese, Bengali and Telugu, four in Tamil and four in Malayalam. But what about Oriya, Kannada, Marathi, Manipuri, Gujarati and other language films, which are usually of the ethnic variety? Why have they been left out? Some strong films with political overtones were made in Kannada. They were pulled out due to other pressures, perhaps.

Again, why is there only one film from Assam and one from Andhra? In fact, the four in Tamil contrast badly with only one in Telugu, which is the language of Andhra Pradesh, now under the opposition Chief Minister N.T.R. and which makes the largest number of films in a year. Moreover, the Tamil Veedu and Nayakan (re-made as "Dayavan") are old films from 1987, which have

already won national awards etc. Surely, a wider variety and fresher stock could have been picked up from regional films.

One is surprised to hear that as many as 105 films were sent by producers for selection in the Panorama. The three regional panels selected 48 films in Bombay, Calcutta and Madras. Finally, the central committee at Delhi cut them down to 16, which means a lot of waste for the private as well as public sectors. No wonder there were protests from various sectors of the industry, especially the South. A case was specially made out for the Telugu film Kalla (Eyes). Based on an award winning novel, which is prescribed for post-graduate studies and translated in several languages, the film has been hailed for its truth and artistic maturity. But it was

dropped from the Panorama.

The Bengalis are bitter that only Gautam Ghosh's Antarjali Yatra was found fit from their excellent lot of films. This movie has already been seen and given an award at Tashkent and acclaimed at other fetes. How would it serve any purpose? No doubt, it is an excellent crusade against cruel ancient practices, where a poor young village girl has to be sacrificed along with an old dying priest, laid near the holy river. An untouchable, played by Shatrughan Sinha, feels strongly about this and tries to rescue her but all in vain.

In the Hindi group too, the pressure of N.F.D.C. — made films is apparent. As a whole, nearly five of the Panorama movies are aided or produced by N.F.D.C. or TV. And they hardly measure up in quality, compared to those made independently. Vijaya Mehta's Pestonjee has been criticised as a slow and false film about the small Parsi community. It proved a big box-office failure and also drew a blank at foreign festivals. Similarly Govind Nihalani's Tamas is not a film but a put-together version of a boring TV serial full of moralistic songs. It is disjointed and jumpy in the feature film format.

## Realism

Mira Nair's Salsam Bombay has been widely shown abroad and was also a winner of some supplementary awards, at Cannes and other places. As it is a joint production, its foreign counterparts have looked after its business abroad. In India, it will be shown commercially at the same time as the festival. So who would go to see it in the Panorama? The kind of things seen and heard in the film are enough to make film audiences blush and wrongly provoke the younger elements. In the



A scene from Mira Nair's Salsam Bombay. It won a supplementary award at Cannes last year.

opinion of this writer it is a film on aspects, about which Bombay (and India) would feel quite ashamed. The language used is vulgar and debased.

The film has a surface realism which makes it alluring, especially to those Western countries which want to see India as a poor backward country, not able to solve its social problems. On one hand Salsam Bombay pretends to deal sympathetically with the plight of homeless children in Bombay's streets. On the other, it goes deeply and erotically into the underworld of prostitution in the worst brothels of the city. Its main child character supplies tea and bread to this red-light area and thereby the film peeps into the private life of whores, pimps, drug addicts and toughies, where crimes are common. Such a film does not deserve to be in an international festival.

Nabendu Ghosh's Hindi Trishagni deals with two monks, in an ancient place in 1000 B.C., facing conflicts over a girl. It is a wordy and abstract film. Aditya Bhattacharya's Raakh is all form and no content. In its



1921: a Malayalam film entry at the Delhi festival

camera placing and lighting it is brilliant but in substance it is only a tale of rape, revenge and murder, though put on a realistic level.

The only impact-making film will be the grand Malayalam success 1921, produced by Mammi Mohammed and directed by I.V. Sasi, with the top stars of Kerala. It deals with the controversial event, when the farmers of Malabar revolted against the British. This was the famous

Mopla rebellion, which at the time was portrayed by the British as just a Hindu-Muslim clash. This indeed is a memorable historical.

That leaves us only with the Raj Kapoor retrospective, also a part of the Delhi festival but based on off-seen old films. Perhaps the English films starring the Indian actress Shabana Azmi, namely Madame Sousatzka and Bengal Nights will stand for the Indian contribution to the world fete.

## 'Guerrilla cinema' makes an impact

Third World cinema talent was on display at the 32nd London Film Festival held recently. Critics agree that these movie-makers are increasingly becoming a force in the revival of the film industry world-wide.

By Ahmad Vahdatkhah

AFTER more than two decades of eclipse by television in the fight for audiences, the movie industry is making a comeback — and Third World producers and directors are making a special impact of their own.

Not only is cinema not dead, it's taking an active role in the world of arts and politics, two of the most important elements in the making of man's thoughts," said a recent editorial in the authoritative magazine Screen International.

Critics agree that Third World movie-makers increasingly are becoming a force in the revival of the industry.

Many have emerged from countries where television services are state-controlled and political freedom is restricted, leading to creation of a so-called 'guerrilla cinema' which aims to show the world as it really is.

Under the guise of "commercialism," controversial movies are made with unknown casts and for screening abroad.

One of the many international showcases for Third World talent is the London Film Festival, and the 1988 event — the 32nd — was no exception, with a number of acclaimed movies from Africa, South Asia, the Middle East and Latin America in the programme.

In Mapantsula (Thief), Oliver Schmitz takes a penetrating inside look at South Africa's social and political crisis, presenting apartheid from the black point of view.

British cinema consultant Clyde Jeavons hailed the movie as "the first major black anti-government feature" to emerge from within South Africa.

Referring to British director Richard Attenborough's box-office hit Schmitz said, "The point about films like Cry Freedom, excellent and purpose-serving though they may be, is that they are confined to a white view of South Africa and

they lack the authentic social detail necessary to prevent over-simplification."

Racism is the central theme of a festival film from Britain, Martin Stellman's For Queens and Country, which stars Denzil Washington, the American actor who portrayed Black Consciousness leader Steve Biko in Cry Freedom.

Stellman's movie is about London's decaying inner-city housing estates, where large numbers of immigrants live, often under threat of racial harassment.

Washington plays an immigrant who has survived military service in northern Ireland and the Falklands/Malvinas, only to be denied British citizenship by new immigration laws.

Of 140 films screened during the November 10-27 festival, 15 were from India, which produces more movies than any other country.

In a black comedy entitled Voyage Beyond, director-cameraman Gautam Ghose focuses on the tradition of self-immolation by widows on their husband's funeral pyres. In theory the practice was abolished by India's British colonial rulers in 1892.

Ghose's film tells of a young girl married to a man only days away from death, so that when he dies she can be burnt on his pyre and deliver "heaven's blessings" on her father.

## Reflection

In Salsam Bombay, written by Sooni Taraporevala and directed by Mira Nair, the life of struggle of Krishna, a 10-year-old country boy, is contrasted with the corrupt world of drugs and prostitution.

It's a familiar theme in the Indian cinema, but the authenticity achieved by shooting in the Bombay slums makes it a real reflection of life in India today.

A different kind of reflection is seen in the work of Venezuelan director Diego Risquez, who shows Western audiences how their culture and civilisation are perceived by Latin Americans.



A scene from Voyage Beyond, a Bengali film from India which focusses on sati.

Following Simon Bolivar (1969) and Orisako Nuevo Mundo (1984), Risquez' America, Unknown Land completes a trilogy which explores the centuries-long exploitation of Latin America by Europeans.

"With virtually no dialogue, Risquez' vibrant images show the rape and plunder of every object, plant and mineral, including man himself," said British critic and film distributor Don Raynaud.

Nationalist feeling against colonial power is also the theme of Camp Thiaroye, co-directed by Ousmane Sembene and Thierno Fatty Sow.

A joint production from Senegal, Tunisia and Algeria, Camp Thiaroye tells how a group of young North Africans gain political consciousness fighting alongside the Allies in World War II, later to use the experience in their own liberation movements of the 1950s.

Turkish and Iranian movies have made an impact on this year's festival by breaking away from the familiar features of the past 10 years — political prisoners in Turkey and war propaganda in Iran.

Basar Sabuncu's Impromptu reflects Turkey's new "European" face and liberalisation of the country's movie industry. It explores themes of love, sex, friendship and death in the meeting of the spouses of two lovers killed in a car crash.

The Iranian cinema, too, has returned to the international scene following years of cultural restriction and lack of funding because of the war with Iraq.

Showing at the festival is The Peddler, directed by former Marxist teacher Mohsen Makhmalbaf, who became a Muslim fundamentalist while sharing a prison cell with leaders-to-be of the Islamic Revolution.

The Peddler depicts Iranian peasants who have flocked to the cities after Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini's revolution in search of a better life.

Makhmalbaf's journey into the poor areas of Iran reflects the enormous difficulties the country now faces in rebuilding after years of war and political and socio-economic turmoil.

The Iran-Contra scandal is the subject of a documentary by American director Barbara Trent which is certain to raise controversy when shown in the United States.

According to Cover-up: Behind the Iran-Contra Affair, presidential and vice-presidential candidates Ronald Reagan and George Bush made a secret deal with the Khomeini regime to delay the release of American hostages in Iran until after the 1980 election, to ensure the defeat of defending Democrat Jimmy Carter.

The festival was turning point for the increasing number of Third World women emerging as talented producers and directors.

One of the most remarkable festival movies was Who will cast the first stone made by and about women in Pakistan.

The movie includes interviews with women condemned to death by stoning for alleged adultery.

Amid contemporary cinema developments, the festival does not forget the past. Tribute is paid to legendary director D.W. Griffith with screening of his landmark 1916 movie Tolerance reprocessed in 70 mm format.

Recounting the fall of Babylon 3,000 years ago, Tolerance was a pioneering masterpiece of the epic movie. Said one critic of the time, "Griffith will never tell a story like this again, and nor will anybody else" — Courtesy: Dawn

## Behind the screen

Karan Shah, (Tina Munim's nephew) failed as a hero after his debut in Jawani, while his heroine Neelam sped ahead. Now Karan has taken to production with Chor Pe Mor with Neelam as the heroine. The girl invited old friend Mayur to join the film's outdoor location. This was like rubbing salt in the wound and a fight ensued. Poor Karan does not want to be a flop lover as well.

From motherly roles, Raakhee is turning to "godly" roles and that too of male idols. She plays Krishna in the new video serial Dharum Yuthi, which is like a modern industrial version of the epic Mahabharat. But different directors are handling six episodes each of the serial. So Raakhee may not know when her role will end.

Vinod Khanna's star value is down in the dumps with just one big flop Dayavan. First, producers complained that he had given the bulk of his dates

to Feroz Khan. Then they were happy that Vinod was at last free after the film's failure. But now they are worried that they cannot use Vinod's dates because distributors are wary of drawing financial support for his coming films. Is this also the reason why Amrita Singh turned away from the hero and went around saying that her marriage was off? She also wants to make some more piles of money from her acting career.

With Aamir Khan's marriage no longer a secret, he attends parties and functions with his wife Reena. The lady is frank enough to say that theirs was a love affair followed by a court marriage (parents kept in the dark). She also appears in one scene of Qayamat Se Qayamat Talk and she insists that Aamir did not have any romance with heroine Juhi. Aamir and wife have also been photographed together, though the lensmen have still to run around, before the two stand or walk together, (Aamir



Aamir Khan (right) and young wife Reena: posing a problem for cameramen



Karan Shah (right) presents cassettes of Chor Pe Mor to Amrita Singh and Jaya Prada.

usually gallops ahead).

ware man kept up her spirits.

Poor Anita Raj took a lot of trouble preparing her video cassette on fitness exercises and body movement. But it was delayed and she released the tape called Keeping Fit at a time when she was not at all fit, being in a high stage of pregnancy.

B.K. Chowla, the gallant Gar-

N. Chandra's tale is one of slums to skyscrapers. Whether Tezab runs much or not outside Maharashtra, the producer has already bought up a lot of land and several flats in tall new buildings, in the names of different family members.



Bad timing: a heavily pregnant Anita Raj promotes her 'keep fit' cassette with B.K. Chowla

## ANDY CAPP

By Smith





# BUSINESS & FINANCE

## Ten Japanese banks to lend \$5.1b for Nabisco buyout

TOKYO, Jan 11, (AP): Ten Japanese banks will lend a total of \$5.1 billion to US-based Kohlerberg Kravis Roberts and Co. to help finance its leveraged buyout of RJR Nabisco Inc., a bank official said today.

The amount is about what earlier US reports said KKR had expected from Japanese lending sources. It is reportedly the largest amount ever lent by Japanese banks for a leveraged buyout.

The official who provided the figure insisted on not being identified by name or bank, although his bank is one of the 10.

KKR needs \$25 billion for the buyout, which would be the most expensive in history. The company is seeking about \$14.5 billion in loans from banks around the world.

The majority of Japanese banks reported to have approved loans by Jan 6, the first deadline to be eligible for higher incentive returns, refused to comment on their lending to KKR.

Mitsubishi Bank confirmed it had notified KKR by Jan 6, of its intention to offer a loan, but a bank official, speaking on condition that he not be named, declined to specify the amount.

Officials at other banks said they do not ordinarily provide details about their loan conditions.

One banking source said: "Each bank is directly in contact with KKR."

News reports have said 10 Japanese banks including Sanwa, Mitsubishi, Daiichi Kangyo, Fuji, Sumitomo, Japan Industrial Bank and Mitsui Trust Bank had notified KKR by Jan 6 of their intention to offer loans for the buyout.

Each agreed to lend between \$350 million and 600 million, with the total reaching an estimated \$5.1 billion, said the Nihon Keizai Shimbun, a leading economic newspaper.

In its Saturday edition, it said a few other Japanese banks, including the Bank of Tokyo, Daiwa Bank and Sanwa Bank, were expected to approve loans, and notify KKR by Jan 17, the final deadline.

## Chinese exports hit record \$40b

BEIJING, Jan 11, (AP): Chinese exports topped \$40 billion in 1988, setting a record and exceeding official targets by several billion dollars, the People's Daily reported today.

The newspaper quoted preliminary figures released by the Ministry of Foreign Economic Relations and Trade as showing exports totalled \$40.1 billion and nearly 70 per cent of them were industrial finished products.

The ministry said the figure was not final and likely would rise slightly when more information came in from remote areas. It also said import figures had not been compiled yet.

**Increase**  
The preliminary export total was up more than 16 per cent from 1987's \$34.6 billion. Although the increase was higher than planned, it was sharply lower than the 1987 increase of 28 per cent.

But the official newspaper, China Daily, quoted an unidentified ministry official as saying China's export performance was remarkable in view of increased competition on the world market.

Trade figures from the Ministry of Foreign Economic Relations and Trade are always lower than figures released by the Customs Bureau, which uses a different method of calculation.

According to customs, exports totalled \$38.2 billion in 1987. Customs has not yet released its 1988 figures.

## Plan to build ground station to improve links

BAHRAIN, Jan 11, (Reuters): Oman is planning a second ground station to be linked with the Atlantic satellite.

Noor Bin Mohammed Abdulrahman, chairman of Oman's Communication Council, told the newspaper Oman that the new station at Nazwa, south of Muscat, would ease pressure on the existing station in the capital.

Abdulrahman's statement, carried by the Omani News Agency, gave no details but said the sultanate had earmarked 36 million rials (\$94 million) to improve communications.

## Stock markets celebrate '89 with a bang

# New Year could usher in gloom and doom

LONDON, Jan 11, (Reuters): Share prices world-wide have begun 1989 with a powerful rally, confounding the pundits who said the New Year could usher in gloom and doom and even a repeat of 1987's Black Monday crash.

Instead of mourning the death of Emperor Hirohito, Japanese investors have gone on a buying spree to celebrate a new imperial era, pushing the Tokyo Stock Market today to its third consecutive record high.

**Notched up**  
Wall Street has not yet shaken off fears of higher US interest rates, but the Dow Jones Industrial Average has notched up new post-crash highs in the first few trading days of 1989.

And in Europe, the major Frankfurt and Paris markets have started strongly while the 'hot money' has been pouring into the Stockholm Bourse which surged yesterday to its highest ever.

"The markets are now beginning to wonder if they were right putting so much weight on the possibility of a world recession," said Giles Keating, chief econ-

omist at Credit Suisse First Boston in London.

But the question is, how long will it all last?

The jitters have not been fully overcome and some markets, notably London and Paris, have been moving ahead partly because of a wave of speculative trading on the back of takeover bids.

It is too early, economists say, to talk of a return to a world-wide 'bull' market in stocks and all the signs are that 1989 could be a volatile year. Investors are likely to face a severe test of nerves as industrial nations seek to coordinate dollar policy and the threat of higher interest rates remains.

But traders — who spent most of the past year shaking off the trauma of the world-wide crash in October 1987 — have found the markets this year far stronger than expected.

Wall Street's New Year rally has added just under 25 points to the Dow index, although the market has baulked at an advance past the psychological barrier of 2,200.

Yesterday, the Dow rose

above 2,200 but that triggered profit-taking that left the market down 6.25 at 2,193.21.

Traders say it is too early to dismiss worries of higher US interest rates which have haunted the market. The Federal Reserve is widely thought to have tightened monetary policy, but there is also relief that it has so far been treading carefully.

"They always say that the Fed takes away the punchbowl just when everybody is having fun," said Andrew Riley, strategist at Yamaichi International (America) Inc in New York.

"Well, they haven't taken the bowl away yet, but they've substituted fruit juice for the brandy."

**Stamina**  
The January rally has shown some stamina. The Dow dropped 24 points on the first trading day of the year, sending shivers through the market. But when it caught its breath and rallied the next day, investors took heart, bought stocks and gave the index a 25.72-point advance for the first week of 1989.

The bounce back on the second day of trading was important, Riley said. According to the stock trader's Almanac, the first five trading days in January, make up an early warning system, providing an accurate glimpse of how the market will perform in the remainder of the year.

"The outlook is for more volatility than in 1988. We see the Dow trading between 1,900 and 2,400," Carmine Grigoli, chief portfolio strategist at First Boston Co. said.

The buying spree in Tokyo confounded analysts who believed that Saturday's death of Emperor Hirohito could send the Japanese stock market into a tailspin.

"The near term incentive for a market rise is the beginning of a new era," said Jeff Bahenbourg, a market strategist at Merrill Lynch Japan Inc in Tokyo. "There was some holding back and selling during the emperor's illness."

That drove the closely-watched Nikkei average up 933.91 points or 3.09 per cent in three days of advances to record levels, ending with a rise of 136.94 to 31,143.45 today.

"There is strong economic

growth, strong growth in corporate earnings and expectations that interest rates will remain low, and this is good for the Tokyo Stock Market," said Gerhard Hinterhauser, assistant vice-president of research at DB Capital Markets (Asia) Ltd in Tokyo.

Tokyo's surge has pulled Hong Kong up in its wake, with the Hang Seng index reaching the third consecutive post-crash high today, adding 40.14 or 1.4 per cent to 2,872.52.

**Boosted**  
In Europe, a wave of merger bids as companies jostle for position ahead of the 1992 creation of a single market has pulled markets in London and Paris higher, while economists say the dollar's New Year rally has also boosted sentiment for export-oriented companies.

The London FTSE 200 index has risen about 2.2 per cent from the end of last year although traders say the market is unlikely to advance much higher until it is clear that soaring consumer demand in Britain is tapering off and the threat of higher interest rates might recede.

**S. Yemen approves joint exploration firm with N. Yemen**  
ADEN, Jan 11, (Reuters): South Yemen has approved the establishment of a joint company with North Yemen to develop an oil and mineral-rich region along their common border, local newspapers said today.

The new company will have capital of \$10 million, with each country providing half, and will begin operating later this year, a government decree published in the newspapers said.

The firm has received bids from 32 international oil and mineral companies for contracts to explore a 2,200 square km tract in the Shabwa and Maarib regions, but none has been awarded yet, the newspapers said.

For any administration to get below \$100 billion is not going to be painless, and there will be difficult choices to be made... this is not a 'good cop, bad cop' exercise."

But White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater, who will retain that job after Bush is sworn in on Jan 20, denies the administration is playing games. He said that whatever choices Bush makes, trimming the deficit will cause pain.

Political jockeying began in earnest with the presentation on Monday of President Reagan's final budget proposal. Some experts say Reagan's

## Higher taxes could doom a six-year-old US economic expansion

# Budget dilemma passes from Reagan to Bush

WASHINGTON, Jan 11, (Reuters): President-elect George Bush, who said he could balance the US budget through a "flexible freeze" on spending but never said what programmes he would cut, now faces the difficult task of making his promise come true.

Bush, trying to calm nervous financial markets, has put efforts to reduce the huge budget deficit, more than \$150 billion last year, at the top of his agenda. Senior aides say it will dominate the early months of his presidency.

"I can't imagine anything that would dominate the first 100 days any more than the responsibility to deal with this national problem," a senior Bush adviser said in a recent interview.

**But** Steve Bell, a former Senate Budget Committee staff director who is now with Salomon Brothers investment house, says success will be slow.

"The choices are painful — the kind politicians don't want to make," he said.

During the presidential campaign Bush said he could trim the deficit by freezing overall spending while allowing some programmes to expand and others to be reduced. He said education, the environment, drug enforcement and AIDS research would get more funds. He did not say where the cuts would come.

Most Washington insiders say

political jockeying and uncertainty about the economy is likely to delay any budget accord between Bush and the Democratic-controlled Congress until late summer.

"It's going to take a while on the budget — until sequestration is imminent we won't see much done," said a high-level official involved in planning the transition to the new administration.

**Sequestration** refers to automatic across-the-board spending cuts required in October by legislation — the Gramm-Rudman budget law.

"The logic supports gamesmanship for the first several months," Republican political analyst Kevin Phillips told Reuters. "There are a lot of reasons to be cute."

But Phillips says such delay is a political risk for Bush because it may unsettle the financial markets.

**Pledge**  
"All kinds of people in Tokyo, Zurich and Frankfurt want a deal in February and they'll be disappointed," says Phillips. "The Democrats can let the markets push Bush."

A key question is whether Bush, who campaigned on a pledge of 'no new taxes', can negotiate a budget deal that

meets a target of a deficit down at \$100 billion, as demanded by Congress, deficit target without raising taxes.

Democrats are almost certain to resist the steep cuts in domestic spending that would be needed to meet the target without raising revenues.

**Proposal**

But many lawmakers also fear that higher taxes could doom a six-year-old US economic expansion, on which rising prosperity around the globe in part depends and which many economists say is already running out of steam.

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Some experts say Reagan's

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extends its condolences to Dr Ziad Taky

Assistant General Manager, The National Bank of Kuwait

at the time of the sad demise of his FATHER on January 4, 1989.

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We warn anybody who hides or employs him of legal consequences. Anyone knowing of his whereabouts is requested to notify the nearest police station or contact telephone Nos. 2418730/8.



## World Business Summary

### Franco-Algerian gas deal involves big French credit

PARIS, Jan 11, (Reuters): France is to grant Algeria seven billion francs (\$1.1 billion) in credits in a move linked to a possible solution of a 2-1/2 year dispute over Algerian gas supplies, French government sources said. A protocol accord for four billion francs (\$650 million) of financial aid and a credit line of three billion (\$480 million) will be signed soon at government level. It was initiated in talks between French and Algerian government officials in Algiers this weekend, the sources said. A spokesman for the French gas supply group, Gaz de France, said progress was made at the talks and another meeting was due this week with Algerian state energy body, Sonatrach, at which a final deal could be signed. The gas supply dispute began in July 1986 when France refused to pay a premium on market prices demanded by Algeria under a 1985 supply contract. Since January 1987, Sonatrach has billed France at \$2.77 per million British thermal units (BTUs) while France has paid around \$1.97. The difference added up to an estimated bill of 3.5 billion francs (around \$550 million). The new formula is likely to be based on a price of \$2.20 per million BTUs plus a one-off back payment of 950 million francs (\$150 million) and the aid from the French government financial package.

### Oil co-operation talks

MOSCOW, Jan 11, (OPECNA): A Kuwaiti oil mission is scheduled to hold talks on co-operation in the petroleum sector here today with officials of the Soviet Oil Ministry. According to KUNA, the Kuwait News Agency, the discussions will also involve a review of the projects jointly launched and implemented by the two countries. The Kuwaiti mission, which arrived here yesterday is headed by Abdulla Al Romai, deputy managing director for marketing affairs at the Kuwait Petroleum Corporation. Meanwhile, a Soviet oil delegation, to be led by Petroleum Industry Minister Vasily Dinkov, is to visit Kuwait early next month at the invitation of Kuwait's Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Khalifa. Diplomatic sources here said that the visit of the Soviet delegation to Kuwait reflected a desire on the part of Moscow to expand economic relations between the two countries.

### US consumer debt grows by \$4.5b

WASHINGTON, Jan 11, (AP): Americans let their plastic credit cards do the purchasing in November, running up \$4.5 billion more in consumer debt than they paid off as the holiday season approached, the government reports. The Federal Reserve Board — the US central bank — said on Monday that the November increase followed a jump of \$3.9 billion in October and a tiny \$2 million rise in September. November's increase represented an 8.2 per cent rise in the annual rate of credit growth, up from a 7.2 per cent pace in October. The November gain was pinned on brisk growth in the category of debt that includes credit cards, while auto loans grew at about the same rate as in October. "It's just another piece of evidence that consumers started to spend more for the holiday season," said Michael Evans, head of a Washington consulting firm. "Consumers became more optimistic about spending and about borrowing. For the moment, consumers are relatively satisfied with the way the economy is going."

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## International Bond Highlights

LONDON: Today's sterling floating rate note for the Britannia Building Society has been increased to 125 min stg from the initial 100 min, lead manager Hambro Bank Ltd said. (XLCB 1883)

LONDON: Nippon Credit Bank (Guarantee) Finance NV is issuing a 200 min dir Eurobond due Feb 22, 1993 paying 9.75 pct and priced at 101.45 pct, lead manager Nippon Credit International Ltd said. (XKVG 0811)

LONDON: Scandinavian Airline Systems is issuing a 200 min dir Eurobond due Feb 27, 1993 paying 10 pct and priced at 101.14 pct, Credit Suisse First Boston Ltd said. (XKVM 0823)

LONDON: Post Ocho Kreditbanken is issuing a 100 min dir Eurobond due Feb 9, 1994 paying 10 pct and priced at 101.34 pct, lead manager Salomon Brothers International said. (XKWW 1014)

LONDON: Exon Capital Corp is issuing a 115 min Australian dir Eurobond due Feb 9, 1990 paying 15.14 pct and priced at 101.15 pct, Salomon Brothers International said. (XKWW 0823)

LONDON: La Caisse Centrale d'Escompte du Quebec is issuing a 100 min Canadian dir Eurobond due Jan 27, 1994 paying 11.18 pct and priced at 101.34 pct, lead manager Credit Suisse First Boston Ltd said. (XKWL 0811)

LONDON: This morning's dollar straight Eurobond for Mitsubishi Trust Finance Asia Ltd has been increased to 120 min dir from the initial 100 min due to good demand for the deal, lead manager Bankers Trust International Ltd said. (XLBX 1811)

LONDON: Sumitomo Forestry Co Ltd is issuing a 150 min dir equity warrant Eurobond due Feb 9, 1993 with an indicated coupon of 4.5 pct and priced at par, lead manager Daiwa Europe Ltd said. (XOON 1101)

## Interbank Rates

CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
LDN 12-7/8	13-1/16	13-5/32 1/8
FFI 5.20/25	5.45/55	5.55/65
PAR 8-1/4 3/8	8-3/8 1/2	8-7/16 9/16
ZUR 4-3/8 4-5/8	5-1/4 5-1/2	5-1/4 5-1/2
BRE 6.35	7-3/8 7/16	7-9/16 5/8
ROM 11-1/4 11-3/4	11-1/2 12	11-1/2 12
AMS 5.62/75	5.80/90	5.92/102
TOK 3.6875 7500	4.1875 2500	4.4375 5000
ECU 7.62 7.87	7.87 8.00	8.06 8.18

## Interest Rates

Following are the average KD interest rates of local interbank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait today.

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	7-5/8	8-1/8
3 months	7-7/8	8-5/16
6 months	7-15/16	8-3/8
1 year	7-7/8	8-3/8

## BOMBAY

	PR.CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLINDIA	78.50	78	77.50	MICO	620	610	620
				GNFC	56.25	55.50	55.50	MUKAND	96	98	99
ACC	339	340	329	GRASIM	81	82.50	82.50	MOCIL	810	815	805
ASIA PAINT	220	220	218.75	GSFC	151.25	152.50	147.50	OKRAY	28	27.50	27
BAJAJ AUTO	407.50	407.50	406.25	HIND LEVER	73.50	73.50	72.50	PEICO	26	25	25
BAL. RAYON	325	330	320	HINDALCO	166	166.50	167	PFIZER	70	68	65
BOM. DYING	121	123	123.50	HINDCOCCA	108.75	108.75	108.75	PRE-AUTO	48	48	46.50
BR. BOND	105	107	105	HINDMOTOR	28.75	28.50	29.25	RAYMOND	72.25	72.50	73.50
BSE INDEX	658.45	658.45	658.45	IND ORG	45	45	44	RELIANCE	141	143.50	141
CENTURYSPG	1370	1380	1335	INDORAY	85	83.50	84.50	SIEMENS	85	86	84
COLGATE	312.50	313.75	307.50	INDROL	242.50	242.50	254	SPIC	54.75	55	53.75
DEEPAKERT	44	43.50	44	ITC	48	47	48	STDMILLS	250	260	260
EL. HOTEL	57.50	55	57.50	KJSYNTH	85	86.50	85.50	TATA PWR	--	--	--
ESKAYEF	140	141.25	140	L AND T	126	125.50	124.50	TATACHEN	109	108.50	110
ESSAR	25.25	25.75	25.50	MAHINDRA	86	86.50	84	TELCO	712.50	710	705
GE. POLY	93	91.25	86.25	MASTERSHR	16.50	16.75	16.25	TISCO	1147.5	1147.5	1140
GR. SHIP	39.65	40	39.25	MATHER PL	60	60	61.25	VOLTA	520	505	520

## FRANKFURT

STOCK	LAST	PR-CLSE
AEG	197.9	199.0
ALLIANZ VR	1921.0	1922.0
BADENWERK	0	180.0
BASF	287.9	286.7
BAYER	308.5	306.5
BAYER HYP	379.0	368.5
BAYER VER	391.0	378.0
BBC	365.0	364.5
BHF	421.0	419.0
BMW	536.0	534.0
COMMERZBANK	244.5	243.4
CONTI GUM	274.1	273.5
DAIMLER BENZ	749.8	749.0
DEUTSCH BANK	575.0	573.5
DLW	461.0	455.0
DRESNER B	314.5	312.5
DT BAROCK	154.0	153.8
FALZ INDEX	562.78	560.95
FELDMERLE	1297.0	1298.0
GOLDSTEIN	403.0	402.5
HARPER	422.0	420.0
HOECHST AG	308.0	303.8
HOESCH	187.0	186.0
HORTEN	217.0	214.0
KUSSEL HLD	464.0	461.0
KALI SALZ	187.7	182.1
KARSTADT	423.5	418.0
KAFNOF	418.5	411.9
KLOECK H	133.0	132.5
KLOECK W	128.9	127.0
LINDE	766.0	768.0
LUFTHANSA	155.0	153.0
MANN	238.5	236.0
MANNESMAN	211.5	209.8
MERCEDES	602.5	601.0
METALLURG	375.0	370.0
NIXDORF PF	330.0	341.1
NORSK HYD	36.20	36.20
PHILIP KHM	680.0	641.5
PORSCHE	629.0	625.0
PREUSSAG	196.5	197.5
PMA	258.9	253.0
REINMETAL	425.0	425.0
RME P	225.2	221.5
SALAMANDER	211.5	208.5
SCHERING	342.0	329.0
SCHL	595.5	589.0
SIEMENS	244.0	240.0
THYSEN	190.5	189.8
VEBA	341.0	330.0
VERA	276.5	275.5
VEW	169.5	169.3
VOLKSWAGEN	345.7	344.5

## HONG KONG

STOCK	LAST	PR-CLSE
C N TUNNEL	15.30	15.20
CHEUNG K	8.85	8.85
CHINA GAS	18.30	17.90
CHINA L-P	14.70	14.00
CHINA MFG	24.80	24.60
COSMO PROP	3.95	3.95
EVERGOLD	2.87	2.90
FAR EAST C	.90	.89
GEN ORIENT	0	44.00
H S DEVELOP	8.95	9.00
H S INDEX	872.52	832.38
HANG LUNG	6.00	6.05
HANG SENG	30.00	29.70
HAW PAR BR	11.20	11.20
HK ELEC CO	9.55	9.50
HK KOWLOON	9.80	9.85
HK SHAN BK	6.70	6.55
HK SHAN CO	6.05	6.05
HK TELE CO	5.25	5.00
HUTCH UNAN	9.40	9.35
IND EO PAC	9.75	9.70
JARDINE N	16.20	15.90
KOWLOON M	8.85	8.80
NEW WORLD	14.10	14.10
PAUL Y CON	1.42	1.42
REALITY DEV	7.35	7.25
S H K CO	2.25	2.25
S H K PROP	13.90	13.70
SIME DARBY	2.40	2.37
STELUX MFG	2.67	2.70
SWIRE PAC	20.20	20.10
T V B CO	1.28	1.30
TAI CHEUNG	4.42	4.32
UNION BANK	1.62	1.62
WALOCK HARD	0	7.25
WALOCK MARI	0	1.15
WORLD INTL	4.52	4.55

## PHILIPPINES MAKATI

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL	BUY	SELL	OPEN	BC-A	72.50	73.00	73.00
STOCK	13.00	13.25	13.25	LC-A	.47	.48	.48
AC-A	2.70	2.75	2.70	LC-B	.49	.50	.49
ANS	2.70	2.75	2.70	PX-A	.38	.39	.39
GLO	22.50	23.00	22.50	PX-B	.39	.40	.39
PLDT	228.00	229.00	229.00	OIL			
KPST-A	2.60	2.65	2.60	BP-A	.015	.016	.016
KPST-B	3.10	3.30		BP-B	.016	.017	.017
SHC-A	147.00	148.00	147.00	LRC-A	.0038	.004	.004
SHC-B	231.00	232.00		LRC-B	.0038	.0042	.004
MINING				OPM-A	.036	.037	.038
APX-A	.022	.023	.022	OPM-B	.038	.039	.039
APX-B	.022	.023		OV-A	.03	.031	.031
AT-A	35.50	36.00	35.50	OV-B	.031	.032	

## Makati Stock Market Report

OFFICIAL INFORMATION	SHARES	VALUE	AVERAGES	CHANGES
COMM.-IND.	280,690	6,197,890	936.81	3.70 DN
MINING	132,102,350	6,084,025	4,883.93	38.92 DN
OIL	278,450,000	6,359,500	5,881	0.053 DN
TOTAL	410,833,040	18,641,415	834.02	5.51 DN

## PHILIPPINES MANILA

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL	BUY	SELL	OPEN	BC-A	72.00	72.50	72.50
STOCK	147.00	148.00	147.00	BC-B	86.00	91.00	91.00
SHC-A	231.00	234.00	234.00	LC-A	.47	.48	.48
SH-TIRE	35.50	37.50		LC-B	.48	.49	.49
PLDT	228.00	229.00	228.00	ZIP	.0085	.009	
ANSOR-A	2.65	2.70	2.70	OIL			
AC-A	13.25	13.50	13.25	STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN
GLO	32.50	33.00		BP-A	.015	.016	.016
FER-A	2.36	2.38	2.38	BP-B	.016	.017	.016
FER-B	2.46	2.48	2.48	LRC-A	.0038	.004	.004
MINING				LRC-B	.0038	.004	.004
STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN	OPM-A	.036	.037	.038
APX-A	.021	.022	.021	OPM-B	.038	.039	.039
APX-B	.022	.023	.022	OV-A	.03	.031	.031
AT-A	35.50	36.00	35.50	OV-B	.031	.032	.032
AT-B	36.00	36.50	36.00	TA	.021	.022	.022

## Manila Stock Market Report

OFFICIAL INFORMATION	SHARES	VALUE	AVERAGES	CHANGES
C/I	598,400	9,725,090	939.12	DN 2.49
MINING	276,216,250	11,648,025	4,649.30	UP 7.34
OILS	256,300,000	6,343,000	6,188	DN .093
TOTAL	531,114,650	27,736,115	837.10	DN 4.61

## SINGAPORE

NAME	LAST	PR CL	FUJITEC	65	65	KIAM JOO	132
ADEF A	104	104	G KENT	65	65	L. K. TAH	68.5
ADEF B	104	104	G LUMBER	104	104	M FLOR	290
AJINOMOTO	200	200	G TOM	110	110	M GLASS	227
ANAL IND	104	101	G U HDGS	102	102	M TIN PRT	65.5
ANAL PROP	25	25	GAMBA HDG	33.5	33.5	M UTD	173
AMCOL	145	144	GEN CORP	65	64	M UTD HFG	65.5
BERJAYA	125	126	GENITING	580	585	M HAITA	595
BOUSTEAD	135	135	GENITING	192	190	M HAITA	61
CARLSBERG	560	560	GUINNESS	362	358	M HAITA	230
CCN	316	316	GULA	28.5	28.5	M HAITA	380
CEREBO	585	585	H L IND.	197	184	M HAITA	78
CHEN IND	274	274	HARTNAU	102	102	M HAITA	434
CK TANG	356	358	HAW PAR	316	316	M HAITA	630
COLD STOR	384	382	HEXZA	69	68.5	M HAITA	29
CO HLDGS	44	44	INHOVEST	99.5	97.5	M HAITA	60
DIGI	460	460	INSAS	36.5	34.5	M HAITA	180
DUBS BND	114	111	INT WOOD	76	76	M HAITA	83
DUTA CON	229	219	INTRACO	280	276	M HAITA	83
DUTCHBABY	440	440	J ENGRG	261	263	M HAITA	685
ELEC MAGN	174	171	JC ENT	100	100	M HAITA	73.5
ESSO ORD	358	360	KJ-MPH	100	100	M HAITA	780
EU YAN S.	242	242	JOHAN HDG	45.5	46	M HAITA	790
F A C B	20	20	KELLAS	220	219	M HAITA	183
F E SHIP	245	234	KAMUNTING	89.5	91	M HAITA	130
FEN ORD	720	710	KE KANG	31.5	31.5	M HAITA	95
FEB CABLE	67	67	KE SENG	171	171	M HAITA	100
FED FLOUR	420	420	KEPPEL	304	295	M HAITA	1340
FINA BND	248	248	KG FLOUR	195	195	M HAITA	195

## Singapore Stock Market Report

SINGAPORE STOCK PRICES CLOSE HIGHER  
SINGAPORE, JAN 11, REUTER - SHARE PRICES RECOVERED FROM EARLY LOSSES TO END GENERALLY HIGHER AFTER ACTIVE TRADING. THE STRAITS TIMES INDUSTRIAL INDEX, WHICH LOST 1.45 POINTS AT MIDDAY, ENDED 2.09 POINTS HIGHER AT 1,085.59. BROKERS SAID A MILD SETBACK TO THE MARKET'S FIRM UNDERTONE WAS SEEN IN THE MORNING WHEN PRICES SLIPPED ACROSS A BROAD FRONT ON PROFIT-TAKING. BUT THE CONSOLIDATION PROVED TEMPORARY AS BUYERS RETURNED IN THE AFTERNOON TO REVERSE THE TREND. GOOD INSTITUTIONAL DEMAND WAS NOTED FOR SELECTED INDUSTRIAL, PROPERTY AND SHIPYARD STOCKS.

## Mexico's consumer prices increased 51.7pc in 1988

MEXICO CITY, Jan 11, (UPI) - Consumer prices increased 51.7 per cent last year, less than one-third the 1987 inflation rate, the state-owned Banco de Mexico announced.

In releasing the economic figures last yesterday, the central bank credited the government's anti-inflation programme with slashing the inflation rate last year from the 1987 level of 159.2 per cent.

"The overall figure for the previous twelve months was 51.7 per cent," the bank said. "In the second half of the year, prices rose just 7.6 per cent, an achievement that is without precedent in (Mexican) history."

The bank said consumer prices rose 2.1 per cent last month. The announcement vindicated the government's optimism about this year when it has predicted an inflation rate of between 18 and 22 per cent, a projection widely viewed among private economists as excessively optimistic.

## Threat

Former President Miguel de la Madrid told the nation in December 1987 that rampant inflation posed a grave threat to Mexico.

De la Madrid, who was succeeded last month by



## Gold prices dip

## Central banks knock the dollar down

LONDON, Jan 11. (Reuters): Central banks knocked the dollar lower today in a major round of open market intervention, bombarding speculators with sales of the US currency to try to stop potentially disruptive swings in world exchange rates.

The dollar fell to 1.8290 marks at the London close from earlier three-month highs at 1.8412 marks to which it had risen as investors bet on rising US interest rates. The dollar had closed at 1.8345 yesterday.

## Intervention

A third straight day of co-ordinated intervention, European dealers said aimed, at supporting the mark as much as braking the dollar. It brought central banks of the United States, West Germany, Italy, Switzerland, Canada, Austria, and the Netherlands into the market to sell dollars.

The Belgian central bank bought marks for francs. The Bank of England sold sterling which had shot up to 2-1/2 year highs above 3.25 marks.

Today's co-ordinated action was the banks' biggest show of force since the dollar took off at the new year but it failed to send the dollar into a retreat.

"Obviously co-ordinated

intervention had a larger effect than the Bundesbank would have had on its own but the dollar's firm undertone remains," said a Frankfurt dealer. "All in all I think it was just meant to calm the market down and straighten out heavy fluctuations."

High US interest rates, which offer a better return on dollar assets, and the prospect that they may have to rise further to dampen inflation in a strong US economy, are attracting money to dollars.

Interest rates in Britain are also relatively high — hence the pound is also a favoured currency — as the government there fights rising inflation. Other nations, particularly West Germany, are worried about their inflation as the strong dollar pushes up their import bills and about the outflow of funds into the dollar and pound.

Economists say a hazard now is that a chain reaction of interest rates rises might be set off which would crimp the expansion of the global economy.

Today, the Swiss National Bank said it was considering whether to raise discount and Lombard rates to bring them into line with rising market rates.

In stock markets, Wall Street

blue chips once again rose to the psychologically important 2,200 level on the Dow Jones Industrial Average but retreated later with the Dow up just 3.22 at 2,196 at New York's midday.

## Record

The Frankfurt bourse was higher, Paris stocks were lower and London mixed after Tokyo's Nikkei share average hit a new record.

Precious metals were generally quiet with gold ending in London one dollar down at \$403.25 an ounce. On oil markets, Brent blend from Britain's North Sea for February delivery was slightly firmer at \$16.35 a barrel.

The benchmark US Treasury 30-year bond was trading in London at 99.16/32 per cent of its 100 per cent face value, yielding 9.05 per cent.

## Rallying

In London shares were rallying from their lows to stand mixed but steady as Wall Street struggled to rise over the key Dow Jones 2,200 level once again.

Dealers said the New York and London markets were suffering from the same lack of new features to encourage them higher.

The market was also overshadowed by the lack of a con-

sortium bid by Metsum for GEC. "The market'll go sideways until the bid for GEC becomes a reality or GEC's own offer for Plessey gets the go-ahead," one dealer said. By 1600 GMT the FTSE 100 was 0.9 point off at 1835.1 after a low of 1830.4.

Dealers said the proposed consortium bid for GEC led by merchant bankers Lazard Brothers seemed to be foundering after press reports today that UK computer major STC was having doubts about joining the bid.

## Vital

STC is seen as vital to the bid's chances and the hesitation saw GEC slip 8p to 212 while STC shares gained 6p to 268.

Dealers now say a concrete bid must emerge as soon as possible given that a government ruling is expected any day on GEC's own £1.7 billion bid for Plessey, believed to be one of the main instigators behind the consortium. Plessey was 1p higher at 227 this afternoon.

## Revived

Dealers said interest in the market centred on a few speculative stocks and many old rumours were being revived.

Glass-maker Pilkington added 6p to 221 on speculation Hanson was stake-building, while healthcare firm Smith and

Nephew eased 3p to 123 as press reports of a possible dawn raid by Ciba-Geigy proved unfounded.

Rumours were also circulating in the building sector, with Taylor Woodrow gaining 2p to 609 and Wimpey 9p to 287 on continuing speculation that bids for them will emerge.

Concerted intervention pushed the dollar off its recent highs and knocked the big dollar earners here. ICI slipped 4p to 1,069, but lost 1p to 451, in common with Rolls Royce at 139.

## Confusion

Glaxo, 21p off at 1,081, was hit both by the weaker dollar and talk that someone had tried to sell a large line of its stock in the US yesterday, though dealers noted that only 1.2 million Glaxo shares had changed hands today. Amongst other drug concerns, Fisons lost 3p to 243, Wellcome gained 5p to 431 and Beecham rose 7p to 486.

Elsewhere, Bass rose 5p to 822, Hillsdown fell 10p to 241, Hammerhead added 5p to 889 and Reuters edged up 8p to 551.

Guinness ended 4p easier at 330 as confusion continued to mount over its interest in French luxury goods group LVMH Moet Hennessy, analysts said.

## Egypt and IMF disagree on how quickly to implement reforms

CAIRO, Jan 11. (AP): Egypt and the International Monetary Fund disagree on how quickly to implement reforms necessary to improve the country's economy, burdened with a \$44 billion foreign debt, a cabinet minister says.

Maurice Makramallah, Minister of State for International Co-operation, was quoted by Al-Mussawwar weekly Al-Mussawwar saying that Egypt and the IMF were discussing a memorandum outlining reforms for the next five years, which Egypt has presented instead of a new letter of intent.

## Prices

The magazine is published on Thursday, but the AP got an advance copy today.

"In the memorandum, we talked about several reform programmes, most important among them the reduction of the national budget deficit ... through either increasing our

income or reducing expenditure," Makramallah said.

He said both the IMF and the World Bank were demanding that Egypt hike its subsidised energy prices to world market levels. Current levels in Egypt are more than 50 per cent lower than world prices.

"Egypt holds that such (IMF-proposed) increases are unrealistic and do not take into account social considerations. The idea of increased energy prices in itself is acceptable and reasonable but only within certain limits," Makramallah said.

## Subsidies

Increases in the prices of some essential commodities in 1977 led to bloody riots and the government was forced to rescind them.

The minister also rejected an IMF demand for increasing interest rates as "illogical".

He said the government would continue to subsidise basic commodities but would eliminate other subsidies, and then only

gradually and over a long period of time.

Another IMF demand is unifying the Egyptian pound's exchange rate.

"I want to make it clear that the basic differences between Egypt and the IMF are not the points in the economic reform programme ... the differences centre on the time frame for implementing reform measures," Makramallah said.

He said that the IMF wants reforms carried out "in the shortest time possible" while the government thinks some of them require five, seven or up to 10 years for full implementation.

"That is the true situation between the two parties and the negotiations are still going on but I assure you that the fund has not and will not force any decisions on Egypt," Makramallah said.

The previous 18-month reform programme, agreed between Egypt and the IMF expired last June 30.

## OPEC accord will help stabilise market

THE recent accord in Vienna among OPEC oil exporters to take the steps needed for stabilising the market could well be a milestone in the world oil industry, according to the OIAPE latest monthly bulletin.

The measures agreed upon, which resolve most of the technical and political differences of opinion were long overdue.

## Response

The report said the accord should signal the end of the downward spiral in oil prices and has marked recent months and had a detrimental impact on the member countries.

The response of newer producers also has been

encouraging, although the measures they have announced will not be sufficient for a long-term balance of the market, they nevertheless represent a significant step in the right direction.

The accord achieved in Vienna were the product of various political and economic factors, but the end of the Iran-Iraq war must be considered the most important.

OIAPE, a sister organisation that by its charter supports OPEC decisions, is gratified by the agreements which in the final analysis leaves no party worse off, but on the contrary will have a beneficial economic impact on all members of OPEC.

At their forty-first meeting, convened in Vienna the day before the OPEC meeting, the ministers reaffirmed the institutional role of the organisation as a medium for co-operation and co-ordination of their countries' petroleum industry.

The monthly Bulletin's editorial said: "Our member countries start the New Year with optimism engendered by moves for peace and reconstruction throughout the region. We are confident that the potential of our countries will slowly but surely flourish in the new environment. Moves toward greater pan-Arab understanding will strengthen the foundation for Arab integration."

## Kuwait dinar deposit rates firm

KUWAIT, Jan 11. (Reuters): Kuwaiti dinar deposit rates firmed today as banks covered a rollover of bonds linked to debt from the 1982 Souk Al Manakh stock market crash, dealers said.

The so-called Makassa bonds created demand for fixed period funds which shot up nearly a full point in the one-month maturity, they added.

The short dates were little changed from yesterday with overnight offered at one per cent, tomorrow-next bid as low as one per cent and spot-next business at four and six per cent.

One-week business climbed to 6-7/8 per cent from 4-1/2 and 5-1/2 per cent yesterday and was quoted as high as 7-1/2, 6-1/2 per cent.

## Deposits

One, two and three-month deposits were put at 8-3/8, eight per cent after one-month deals at eight and 7-11/16 per cent and three-month business at eight per cent. Six-month and one-year funds were quiet at 8-3/8, 7-7/8 per cent.

The dinar slipped against the dollar inline with the US currency's strength in international markets. The Central Bank fixed its dinar exchange rate at 0.28414/24 to the dollar from 0.28334/44 since Monday while commercial banks quoted spot rates of around 0.28412/22.

Meanwhile, Saudi riyal deposit rates eased today in quiet trade, partly in response to a large injection of funds in the last two days by the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency (SAMA).

## Tunisia to amend banking laws

TUNIS, Jan 11. (Reuters): The Tunisian government plans to amend its banking laws to break down the barriers between different types of banks, Central Bank governor Ismail Khelil said in an interview published today.

In a banking supplement to the government newspaper La Presse, he said: "The aim is to arrive by stages at a more integrated banking system which would allow each institution to choose its own place in the market."

## Activity

"Each financial institution will have three windows, one for commercial activity, one for long-term investment and one for offshore activities. They will be able to choose which activity to specialise in."

Tunisia now imposes different rules for local banks, development banks and offshore banks. Khelil, a reformer close to President Zine Al Abidine Ben Ali, gave no indication of when the amended legislation would go to parliament.

## Revision of Unit prices

THE sale and repurchase prices of various schemes of Unit Trust of India effective from Jan 1, '89 are as follows:

Scheme	Sale price	Repurchase price
Unit scheme '84	Rs. 14.80	Rs. 13.80
Unit scheme '85	Rs. 11.15	Rs. 10.85
CCGS	10.00	
PGGF	100.00	

## Economic ties

NICOSIA, Jan 11. (Reuters): An Iranian delegation arrived in Qatar yesterday for three days of talks on ways of boosting economic ties between the two countries, the Qatar News Agency.

## Ministry urged to reduce control of foreign trade

## Iranians racing to rebuild oil refinery

NICOSIA, Jan 11. (AP): More than 6,000 Iranian workers are racing to rebuild the war-battered Abadan oil refinery by April 1, the Islamic Republic News Agency reported today.

The agency, monitored in Nicosia, said that the refinery is scheduled to resume partial operation that day to mark Islamic republic day.

The refinery, the biggest in the world, will have an initial capacity of 130,000 barrels of oil per day, IRNA said.

It had an output of more than 650,000 barrels per day before being crippled by Iraqi attacks in the eight-year Iran-Iraq war, and met 60 per cent of the country's domestic needs, the agency said.

The cost of rebuilding the refinery and related installations will cost an estimated \$160 million, IRNA said.

The head of the refinery, Khodaram Bakshandeh, said, "We are trying to get equipment and parts from other refineries to reduce costs," IRNA reported.

## Priority

Rebuilding large sectors of the industrial complex, especially oil and gas related industries, are a high priority of the government following the UN-mediated Aug 20 ceasefire in the Gulf war.

About \$2 billion have been allocated until March 1990 to rebuild urban and industrial sectors destroyed during the war.

More than \$750 million of that amount is to be spent during the current Iranian year, ending

## March 21.

Iran has insisted that the Abadan complex is being rebuilt by Iranian engineers and workers, but it is believed unlikely that it has the know-how and the personnel needed.

Iran has signed a number of reconstruction agreements with other countries in recent months, and it is believed that rebuilding of complex industries will be completed with foreign expertise.

Prime Minister Hussein Musavi, who inspected the facilities today, said that reconstruction of the refinery by Iranian personnel symbolised the country's post-war spirit, IRNA said.

## Symbol

"The Abadan oil refinery is a symbol ... of the reconstruction movement in our country," IRNA quoted Musavi as saying.

Ebrahim Hashemi, a retired refinery official who has joined the reconstruction effort, said that "work is going ahead very, very quickly ... we are all going back," IRNA reported.

But he said that the workers' families had not been able to join them due to the lack of facilities in the self-contained complex which used to house everything from its own bank to schools and a post office.

Trees and bushes have grown so thick that we can't get into our old houses," IRNA quoted Hashemi as saying.

Ayatollah Khomeini, the

Iranian revolutionary patriarch, yesterday praised the efforts of the oil industry workers for their tireless efforts during the war in keeping the refineries operational.

"Today I kiss the hands of all those who are working selflessly towards independence and self-sufficiency," IRNA quoted Khomeini as saying.

## Relaxes

Meanwhile, Iranian President Ali Khamenei ordered the Commerce Ministry to reduce its control of foreign trade, the IRNA reported today.

That appeared designed to bolster Iran's resurgent private sector as Tehran relaxes tight controls of the economy imposed during the 8-year war with Iraq.

IRNA, quoted Khamenei as saying that the ministry should ease its grip on the economy and "hand over some responsibilities, such as trade, to the people."

The ministry controls more than 80 per cent of Iran's trade.

The agency quoted Khamenei as saying that under the exceptional conditions of war the government had unlimited authority over the country's affairs.

But, following the Aug 20 ceasefire in the Gulf war, "our brave, smart and mature people are not lacking anything and can do the job themselves," Khamenei said.

The government, despite strong opposition from radicals who want even tighter economic

controls, moved to expand the private sector after the ceasefire.

The cash-strapped government has been trying to attract private funds to pay for imports to ease shortages.

Widespread corruption within the government's bloated bureaucracy was also believed to be a reason for easing official control of the economy.

Khamenei said the Commerce Ministry's ideal role would be as a supervisory body with legal powers to govern trade practices, IRNA said.

A heated debate over the economy has dragged on for years and polarised the leadership into pragmatists led by Khamenei and Parliament Speaker Hashemi Rafsanjani and hardliners such as Prime Minister Hussein Musavi.

The massive task of post-war reconstruction has brought the differences into sharp focus. Moves by the pragmatists to relax political and social restrictions as well as economic restraints have intensified the wrangles in the hierarchy.

Khamenei is backed by the wealthy merchant class, known as bazaaris, who largely financed the 1979 revolution which brought the Islamic regime to power. They have pushed for a more laissez-faire economy.

Musavi, under fire for his economic policies during the war, seeks wider state control to "lessen the gap between rich and poor."

## Argentines sweat through energy crisis

BUENOS AIRES, Jan 11. (Reuters): It is 6 pm and the end of a long, hot working day in the middle of Argentina's summer.

If you live in area A-1, you can take the lift up to your air-conditioned apartment on the 10th floor, fix an ice-cold drink and relax in front of the television.

If you live in D-2, returning home can be a nightmare with a long wait for the train, no lift, no television and no ice in the refrigerator.

But in a few hours the situation could be reversed. A-1 dwellers will begin to sweat as apartments become stuffy, drinks go warm and televisions go blank. Across Buenos Aires in D-2, residents will blow out the candles as the electricity comes back.

## Crisis

Since the start of an energy crisis nearly a month ago, Buenos Aires has been divided into coded areas subject to three- to five-hour power cuts on a rota basis, mostly twice daily.

A government-decreed reduc-

tion in television broadcasts to four hours every evening has led to a sharp rise in video rentals.

The energy crisis has left most Argentines short of electricity, many thousands without water, and some stuck in lifts. It has also turned the daily drive to work into a nightmare of traffic jams.

"Turn out the lights, it's more romantic," says actress Silvia Montanari to those able to see the national television campaign to cut power consumption.

But there is little romanticism in sweating day and night with temperatures hovering around 30 degrees Celsius (86 Fahrenheit) and being told there is no short-term solution to the crisis.

Firemen have rescued at least 20 people stuck in lifts in the capital since before Christmas. Some people living in high-rise buildings have temporarily moved into hotels.

Hundreds of thousands of residents of Buenos Aires, with a population of 10 million, live in high-rise blocks.

In one building where the lift does not work, the porter said people carry water and food up to an old couple — he 87, she 70 — who have been virtually isolated because neither dares use the stairs.

In the poorer districts on the outskirts of Buenos Aires hundreds of people, mainly children, needed medical attention after being affected by dirty water or rotten food or because of dehydration.

People in exclusive quarters of Buenos Aires exempt from the power cuts earlier in the crisis now look for unorthodox ways to keep the refrigerator going, like using an extension to hook it into a neighbour's plug on a different rota.

## Consequences

Another way to escape the consequences of a cut is to plan a trip to a cinema, restaurant or bar in another area to pass the time until power is restored at home.

A trip across the River Plate

estuary to the seaside resorts of Uruguay is another escape route — for those who can afford it.

Argentina's ailing power supply system has failed to cope with the demands of a hot summer in which water levels at hydroelectric dams have fallen sharply due to lack of rain.

Thermal and nuclear plants have also had their share of problems, mainly because of poor design, lack of care and failure to meet completion schedules.

## Import

The drought has highlighted the inadequacy of the power system, which is working at less than half steam. The government and the opposition have exchanged accusations over lack of foresight and maintenance.

The government said this week the lack of electricity had meant a loss to the economy of \$1 billion so far. It said it would probably import generating equipment which should help alleviate the crisis by the end of the month.

## Oil output hit 9-year high in '88

PARIS, Jan 11. (Reuters): Oil production was at its highest for nine years in the non-Communist world in 1988, mainly because of over-production by OPEC countries, the International Energy Agency said today.

Production in 1988 averaged 50.4 million barrels daily, the highest since 51.3 million barrels were pumped daily in 1979.

## Prices

Oil prices fell during 1988 because the market was glutted with crude, reflecting the way energy conservation has quenched demand since 1979. In 1979/80 prices rose sharply as industrial nations bought every drop.

## Belgium's diamond trade sparkles

BRUSSELS, Jan 11. (Reuters): Belgium's diamond trade, the world's biggest, did business worth a sparkling 461.5 billion francs (\$12.5 billion) last year, a rise of 27 per cent over 1987, the industry said yesterday.

A spokesman for the Antwerp-based Diamond High Council said both exports and imports were up on those for 1987.

Sales totalled 229.6 billion francs (\$6.2 billion), a 25.9 per cent rise, while imports reached 231.9 billion francs (\$6.3 billion), up 30 per cent.

## Supplier

India leapfrogged the Soviet Union to become Belgium's number one supplier, selling gems worth 15 billion francs (\$405 million) compared with nine billion francs (\$243 million) in 1987.

Soviet exports rose by half a billion francs (\$13.5 million) to 14.6 billion francs (\$395 million). Israel sold 11 billion francs (\$297 million) worth of stones to Belgium and the United States eight billion francs (\$216 million).

## Taiwan's overseas investment down

TAIPEI, Jan 11. (AP): The government approved \$1.18 billion worth of foreign investments last year, a 17 per cent drop from 1987 caused by a sharp decline in US investment, an official commission reported today.

Japan led with \$445 million in investment, up three per cent from 1987, the investment commission said.

The United States followed with \$161 million, down from a record \$446 million in 1987, the report said. Hong Kong poured in \$157 million worth of investments, a 13 per cent drop from 1987.

Pan Shien-Jong, a section chief of the government's Industrial Development and Investment Centre, attributed the decline to the more than 40 per cent appreciation of the local currency against the US dollar during the past three years.

## Costs

The rising Taiwan dollar has made US investments on the island more expensive, Pan said. Increasing labour costs and frequent protests against environmental pollution have also driven away potential foreign investors, he said.

A worker in the manufacturing sector received an average monthly pay of 16,700 Taiwan dollars (\$395) last year, up 13 per cent from 1987.

But officials said foreign investments in high-technology electronics and service industries continued to increase last year because of the availability and competitiveness of high-calibre manpower in Taiwan.

## Austerity fails to brake China's runaway economy

BEIJING, Jan 11. (Reuters): China said today that a four-month austerity programme had failed to slow its runaway economy.

The Economic Daily said that industrial output in the fourth quarter surged by 18.8 per cent over the same period last year, the fastest quarterly growth of 1988, despite tough measures introduced in September to slow it down.

"This high-speed growth is wrong for China," the paper said. "It has led to shortages of cash and credit, foreign debt and serious problems in transport."

## Output

The State Statistical Bureau said industrial output, though down from more than 20 per cent growth in October, rose at a faster rate in December than in November.

Economists said that the austerity programme was having an effect but it was hitting the wrong targets.

Banks have been told they will not get more money from Beijing and ordered to make better use of their limited funds — so some have prevented people from withdrawing their money.

The Statistical News said banks in Wuzhou in the south-

west were paying only half of the wages due to workers in some companies, keeping the other half as forced savings, causing great resentment among workers, some of whom were unable to meet basic living costs.

Economic Daily said banks in Anhui, Central China, were improperly docking up to 50 yuan (\$13.5) a month per worker in the name of patriotic savings or construction savings, which they could only withdraw months later.

Such practices deterred other people from putting their extra money into banks which desperately needed it, it said.

A Western diplomat said the austerity programme was correct, but smooth implementation was difficult in a country with a crude financial system, where bank loans are often not repaid and firms virtually never go bankrupt.

"Austerity medicine takes a long time to work. I do not expect inflation and prices to start falling until May or June. Can the government hold the line till then?" he asked.

Official estimates put 1988 inflation at about 17-18 per cent over 1987, the highest level since 1949.

## WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

SYDNEY, Jan 11. (Reuters): Shares closed lower as overseas interest waned and metals weakened after four consecutive days of gains. The All Ordinaries fell 3.2 to 1,498.7.

TOKYO: Share prices rose to a record close for the third consecutive day on continued optimism at the start of a new imperial era, brokers said. The Nikkei index rose 136.94 points to 31,143.45.

HONG KONG: Prices rose sharply on the US dollar's gain pushing Hong Kong stocks to their third successive post-crash high. The Hang Seng index rose 40.14 points to 2,872.52.

SINGAPORE: Share prices recovered from early losses to end generally higher after active trading. The Straits Times industrial index, which lost 1.45 points at midday, ended 2.09 points higher at 1,085.59.

BOMBAY: Share prices drifted lower on scattered profit-taking after the market opened steady.



## Dear Junior Readers,

Everywhere in our newspaper this week, you may have read an article about 8-year-old boys in India, working 16 hours a day making carpets.

But the problem of child slavery is not confined to India alone. There are many countries in the world where children of your age have to work for a living because of poverty or because they are forced into it.

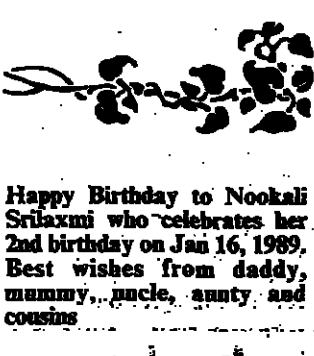
These children will never go to school ... never have a childhood like yours. So the next time school or homework gives you the blues, spare a thought for those poor kids who don't have your privileges ... and count your blessings!

Aunty Ghazala

## Birthday greetings!



Many happy returns of the day to Hamad Al Rifai (left) and Sulaiman Al Rifai from their parent Yousif Al Rifai



Happy Birthday to Nookali Srikant who celebrates her 2nd birthday on Jan 16, 1989. Best wishes from daddy, mummy, uncle, aunt and cousins

Answers to Tuesday's crossword:  
Across: 1 Mosquito; 7 Shingle; 8 One; 9 Cell; 11 Novels; 14 Sketch; 16 Aces; 20 Gas; 21 Abridge; 22 Teetotal  
Down: 1 Music; 2 Split; 3 Urge; 4 Tremor; 5 Zone; 6 News; 10 Elk; 12 Lee; 13 Scrape; 14 Sign; 15 Else; 17 Cadet; 18 Spell; 19 Fret

## Truly amazing!

The longest vehicular tunnel in the world is the London Underground line from Moorgate to East Fenchurch. It is 17 miles (28 km) long.

The first all-British motor car was the 1895 Lancaster.

One in ten of the men who died in Britain in 1976 died of lung cancer.

The first Olympics were held in Athens in 1896, with nine nations competing.

The first bridge over the River Tiber in Rome, was the Ponte Rotto, which was in use for 1,717 years.

The tuatara lizard of New Zealand is a living fossil. It is the only survivor of an order of reptiles common 250 million years ago. It takes at least a year for its eggs to incubate.

The most widely cultivated fruit in the world is the apple. The second is the pear.

A single American oyster lays 500 million eggs a year — yet only one of them will normally reach maturity.

There are 206 bones in the human body.

A year-old Siamese cat in South Australia gave birth to 13 kittens.

The Rocking Stone, Cornwall, weighs several tons, yet can be rocked with a slight push.

A horseshoe was found in a tree in Salem, Oregon, US, embedded in the trunk. It had been there for 100 years, but was not rusty.

The muscles of the human jaw exert a force of over 219 kg.

The human mouth produces 2-3 pints of saliva a day.

Two-thirds of the body's weight is water.

The red-capped Mangabey monkey of Africa communicates with its fellow monkeys by blinking its white eyelids, in a form of code.

Ninety-five per cent of the sun's matter consists of either hydrogen or helium.

The chance of quadruplets being born is about 1 for every 600,000 deliveries.

To make one tonne of paper, you need one tonne of coal.

Glen Miller's song 'Chattanooga Choo Choo' was the first to be awarded a golden disc for selling over one million copies.

The most common disease in the world is tooth decay.

THERE was once a poor crossing-sweeper whose name was Peter.

He lived rather a long time ago when even in quite big towns the roads were ill-made, so that in bad weather they got terribly muddy and dirty.

In the summer-time he did not have much to do, but there was always dust and paper about, and even in summer it rains sometimes — doesn't it? He didn't earn a great deal of money.

Some people were too busy to heed him, and some were too selfish, and some too poor to give him anything.

He had, however, a cheerful heart, and managed somehow to make enough to pay the rent and to provide food and clothing for himself and his wife and his little son.

One cold winter's day he had taken rather more pennies than usual and went to get a cup of coffee from a coffee stall not very far from his crossing, before starting on his way home.

He put his broom in a dark corner inside some railings where he often left it if he went away for a few minutes. Now, oddly enough, it happened that someone else had left a broom inside those railings. It was just the same size and shape as his own, and as it was nearly dark he never saw that there were two, and he got hold of the wrong one and went off home with it.

He put it down in the corner of the yard and went into the house to have his tea with his wife and little son.

Early the next morning, as he was getting dressed,

## Peter's amazing broom

he chanced to put his head out of the window.

There was his little son, who was only six years old, playing in the yard with the broom. He had his legs astride it, and was pretending it was a horse.

"Get-up, get-up," he said. And really the broom seemed to be prancing and leaping in the strangest way. "Almost as if it were really alive," thought Peter.

And just as he was thinking that, his little son called out: "Now then, up you go. Over the wall, Beauty!"

And — would you believe it? — the astonished Peter actually saw the broom rise up, with the boy still astride it, and fly over the wall into the next-door yard.

He rushed downstairs, half-dressed as he was, ran through the gate, and into his neighbour's yard.

There he found his little boy, safe and sound on the ground, still astride the broom, laughing with joy and excitement.

"Good Beauty, good Beauty," he said. But Peter stood staring in utter astonishment.

"Mother, mother," he called, when he could speak. "Come quick, the broom's bewitched."

You can imagine what a to-do there was, and how all the neighbours came flocking round to see.

Every one had some different suggestion to make as to how the broom came to be bewitched.

They stood round in a circle looking at it lying in Peter's neighbour's yard, for no one dared to pick it

up at first.

But presently Peter plucked up his courage and took hold of it, and seeing that nothing happened to him, his wife took it up in her turn. She turned it round in her hands.

"Why, Peter," she said, "this is not your broom at all. Don't you remember the brown burnt mark it got when it fell across the kitchen grate? That mark's not on this broom handle. You've got someone else's broom by mistake."

"It's my belief," said the little dried-up brown cobbler from the end cottage, "it's my belief it's a witch's broom. I'd have nothing to do with it if I were you, Peter. I should advise you to put it back where you got it from. Maybe your own broom is still there."

So Peter went off to look for his own broom, but he found it had disappeared. He brought the other one home again.

"What shall we do?" he said to his wife when he came back. "I can't afford to buy a new broom; but I'm a bit afraid of this one. I dare say it really is a witch's broom. Don't you think it would be best to throw it away?"

But Peter's wife was a careful woman.

"No," she said. "Now we've got it, I reckon we'd better stick to it. It may bring good fortune. Who knows?"

So they kept the broom, and soon it brought them good fortune indeed for they quickly found out that it went wherever it was told to go by the person sitting

astride it.

It was really a most marvellous thing.

Peter and his son went riding on it all day long at first, then other people had a ride; soon the whole neighbourhood knew of Peter's wonderful broom.

Presently it began to bring in money. People who wanted to get anywhere in a hurry would come in and arrange to go on the broom. They paid handsomely. It was so convenient, as you can imagine. And much quicker than any other way, for motor cars and aeroplanes were not yet invented.

Peter began to grow rich. He moved into a bigger house with a little garden in front; he bought new clothes for his wife and the boy; he even talked of going up to London, where he felt sure he would earn more money with the wonderful broom. He no longer swept a crossing, and they had meat for dinner every day, and a whole roast chicken for dinner on Sundays.

The whole town knew about him and his good luck.

Strangers coming into the place would stare in astonishment at the sight of somebody sailing through the air on a broomstick.

"That's Peter's broom," the townsfolk would explain. "You can hire it out for a shilling an hour if you're lucky enough to find it idle."

One day a great scientist came to stay in Peter's town. He was a very great scientist indeed, and he spent his time finding out



things about the moon. He was very much interested in the moon. And when he heard about the broom he went nearly mad with excitement.

"Now I shall be able to go and see what the moon is really like," he said.

Peter wasn't sure whether he liked the idea of the broom making such a long journey; but his wife persuaded him to consent.

"It will take him many hours to get to the moon," she said. "Think what a lot of shillings that will mean. And what harm can he come to?"

So Peter consented, and the scientist set off.

It took him a good long time to reach the moon, and when he got there the very first person he saw was the witch to whom the broom belonged, for, of course, it was a witch's broom, as you will have already guessed.

She was sitting on the very edge of the moon in a very bad temper. You see, it's very annoying for a witch to lose her broom; it is her chief way of getting about, and without it she has to depend either upon friendly lifts or upon whatever witchcraft she can

think of to help her. And a broom is so much simpler.

The minute the scientist alighted she saw that he had come up on her broom. "You wicked old thief," she said, "how dare you steal my broom? How dare you go riding about on it in that brazen way? And me, the rightful owner, crawling all the way up on a miserable moonbeam. How dare you! I'll put a curse on you. I will. I'll put an end to you, I will. I'll broom you, you wicked old greybeard!"

The scientist was very frightened indeed, for witches are alarming at the best of times, and when they're angry ...

He backed and backed, and before he knew what was happening he had fallen off the edge of the moon, down, down, down — and then, plop into the middle of the sea.

As good luck would have it, he was seen falling by the lock-out man on a vessel, and was hauled in and given dry clothes and a hot drink and was not much the worse.

But he was bitterly disappointed. Of course it was very hard.

## How animals were named



The names of animals, like the names of so many other things, didn't originate in one particular way. The names developed in many different ways, from many different sources.

For example, a strange name like "hippopotamus" is actually a descriptive name. In Greek, "hippos" means "horse" and "potamus" means "river". So the hippopotamus was a "river horse". "Rhinoceros" came from the Greek words, "rhinos," the nose, and "keras," a horn. That's just what this creature has: a horn on the nose! "Leopard" is from the Latin "leopardus" — which meant a "spotted lion."

Some names of animals that we use are based on names used in other places. "Camel" comes from the Arabic "gamel," and "giraffe" from Arabic "zirafoh," meaning "long neck." The name "ox" is an Icelandic term which became "oxa" in Anglo-Saxon. And "cow" also comes from Iceland, where the name was "ku." The name "bull" comes from the Anglo-Saxon verb "belan," which meant to roar, to bellow.

"Deer" comes from the Anglo-Saxon "deor," which meant "a wild animal." We get our name "cat" from the French "chat," which came from the Latin "gata." "Mouse" comes from the Anglo-Saxon "mus." The name "poodle" has an interesting origin. It comes from the German "pudel," short for "pudelhund," which meant "a dog that splashes in water." The duck is so named because this bird "ducks" in the water, from an old English word "duce," or "diver."

## Ha! Ha!

How do you make a coat last?

Make the trousers first.

Why did the cow slip? Because... it saw the bullrush.

Did you hear about the chef who was so weak that when he tried to whip the cream, the cream won?

DOCTOR: Please breathe out three times.  
PATIENT: Is that so you can check my lungs?  
DOCTOR: No, it's so I can check my glasses.

WAITER: Don't complain about the coffee — you may be old and weak yourself one day.

Why is a rabbit's nose shiny? Because his powder-puff is at the wrong end.

What kind of apple has a short temper? A crab apple.

Why can't an elephant ride a bicycle? Because he hasn't got a thumb to ring the bell.

Why did the elephants get thrown out of the swimming pool? Because they couldn't hold their trunks up.

Where do frogs keep their money? In river banks.

WIFE: I baked two kinds of cake today. Would you like to take your pick?  
HUSBAND: No, I'll use a hammer and chisel.

## Baby gibbon seeks adoption



A zoo attendant in Malaysia feeds this six-week-old gibbon nicknamed 'ET' because of its resemblance to the creature in the film. Zoo officials are awaiting sponsors to 'adopt' ET by providing funds for his care.

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Clue: Indicates saltiness (8 letters)

## Factfile FROM THE GUINNESS BOOK OF RECORDS

THE HIGHEST SPEED EVER ACHIEVED ON A BICYCLE IS 152.284 MPH (245.077 km/h) BY JOHN HOWARD (USA) BEHIND A WIND-SHIELD AT BONNEVILLE SALT FLATS, UTAH, ON 30 JULY 1985. CONSIDERABLE HELP IS PROVIDED BY THE SLIPSTREAMING EFFECT OF THE LEAD VEHICLE, BUT ANY DEVIATION FROM BEHIND THE WIND-SHIELD WOULD HAVE MEANT CERTAIN DEATH.

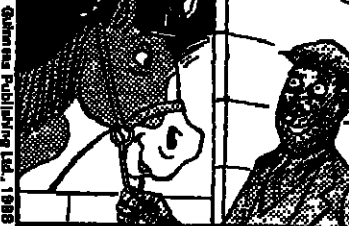
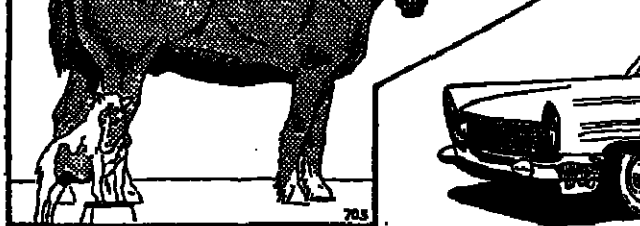
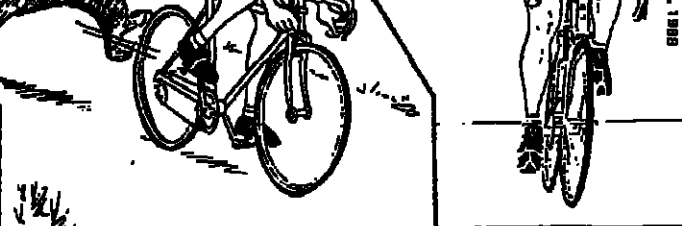
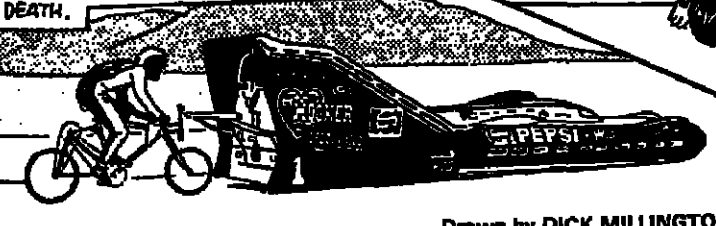
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بھارتی فلمی میلے میں دوسرے  
ملکوں کی اعلیٰ درجے کی فلمیں  
اور خود بھارت کی کمزور اور  
پھسکی فلمیں شامل ہیں



المیازین کی خوبصورت قسم ۱۹۹۱ء کا ایک ہندی فلم

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ایک عجیب اصول بنا پایا کہ اگر کسی کو کسی ایک ستارہ اور خوں و غیرہ کا پتھر سے ایک کام "۱۹۶۱" شاعر مرزا کے بار جائے اس میں اس تاریخی واقعہ کا حوالہ سے عجیب انداز کے موطن کو ملے گا کہ یہیں کے خلاف سے حکومت کی اور دیگر عین کے لئے اسے بہت مسلم شاد میں تھوپ کر دیا اور بیٹو دانا کو چھوڑ کر دلی کے اس پٹیل میں مرنے اور جیکوڈ کی جوانی نہیں ہیں اور شاید اسی کی ایک دوایں نہیں جو غیر مرگہ میں جاتی ہیں۔



آج کے حالات یہ کہ ہر ایک کے ہر ایک کے

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غزل کا شعور اور شوق رکھنے والوں کو اقبال بانوں کا تسکیر میں پیغمبرِ اختر کی جھلک نظر آتی ہے



ایمان پادشاه

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یہاں تک کہ شام کو بیٹے کو سو دے۔  
 سارا۔ جب آپ کو بیٹا ملے گا تو اس کی کوئی حفاظت کریں۔  
 آپ کو کتنا ملے گا؟  
 اقبال۔ پانچ۔ یہاں میرے ایک استاد رہے، جن میں خیال کرنے کے لئے کتنے خالص احباب آئے، کبھی ان میں صاحب خان بھی آتے تھے۔ ہمیں جس نے یہاں پر غریبوں کی خدمت کا فراموش کرنا تھا۔  
 سارا۔ آپ کو کیا یاد ہے؟  
 اقبال۔ ”دو گلا چوری گوری حرم حق کے“ بہت شہسوار ہوئے۔ ہم کسی کو پتہ نہ چلے گا۔  
 سارا۔ ایسے استاد سے آپ سب سے زیادہ متاثر ہوئے ہیں۔  
 اقبال۔ ہاں۔ استاد صاحب سے کیونکہ اصل میں تو یہاں ایک شاگرد کی دوسرے لوگوں کی پیش شاگرد میں سے ایک شاگرد کی بات سے ان کا دل متاثر ہوا۔ ان کی آواز سن کر یہاں کے شاگرد بھی ہر دو روز ہر سہ ماہی کی خدمت میں آتے۔  
 سارا۔ یہاں تک کہ آپ نے ان سے کہا کہ وہ سب میں جاتے تھے۔  
 اقبال۔ جاتے تھے۔  
 سارا۔ آپ کے والد آپ کے گاہ گاہے پر کیسے حاضر رہتے تھے؟  
 اقبال۔ میں نے یہ خط لکھ کر لایا تھا کہ میں اس کے لئے حاضر رہتا ہوں۔  
 سارا۔ میرا بیٹا بھی وہاں آتا تھا۔ آپ کتنے بھلے بیٹا ہیں؟  
 اقبال۔ ہاں۔ جب میں استاد کے ساتھ ہوتی تو کم از کم وہ میرے لئے سامان اور دوا بھی لے کر آتے تھے۔  
 سارا۔ یہاں سے دوا بھی لے کر آتے تھے۔  
 اقبال۔ ہاں۔ کوئی کھانا (کھجور) میں نے پہلے

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سے سے اپنے اپنے مقاصد کی  
 پیش گوئی نہ مصالحت  
 کا ہیرو ہے جس  
 واکارانہ "اداء" سے  
 طرز کی  
 یاد رکھی  
 نیا اداری میں یہ ماحول ہے

پیشکش  
راجہ  
قسم  
نے ایک  
بنی

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سے کر بیچتی ہے ہاتھ دلا دے گل آیا۔


اس شخصیت کو سی پال ہے کہ مروج کے جھنڈاں لاندی ہے

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کشمکش

کشمکش کو ”دیوان“ کی

عالم میں کی شادی اب تو کئی روز سے ہوئی۔ اس لئے  
مطلوبہ طاعت اپنی بیوی پر کچھ خاص اور عقلمندانہ لانا ہے۔  
میری یہ ایک طاقتور کی شکل ہے۔ سب کو کچھ سے کہ اس  
اور ہمارے کچھ بہادر افراد اس کے لیے ہوا ہے۔  
میری کچھ کی ایک نیکان کے لیے اس کی کو اس بات کی ہے نہیں  
میری کچھ کی ایک نیکان کے لیے اس کی کو اس بات کی ہے نہیں



اور دود وقت دینے کے لئے راضی ہوا تو قلم ساز جو سے خوش

”وہ سرمیہ“ میں کرشنا کا کردار ادا کرے تو اپنی ماوا کا نام رکھی



۱۹۸۹ء کے لئے آپ کے تارے کہا جتے ہیں

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ہے۔ خواہر مت بخت ہے کہ یہ اسرارِ حجاب کی ایک  
تشریح کی سمجھت ہو گا اور اس میں جہانگیر شہزادہ کی جوانی  
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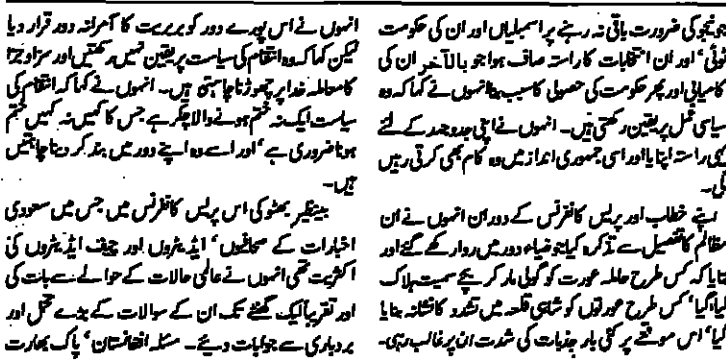
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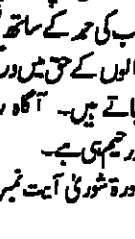
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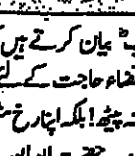
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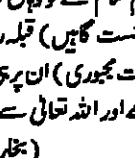
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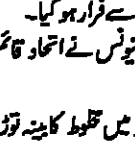
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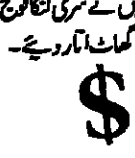


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## Navratilova sails past Temesvari

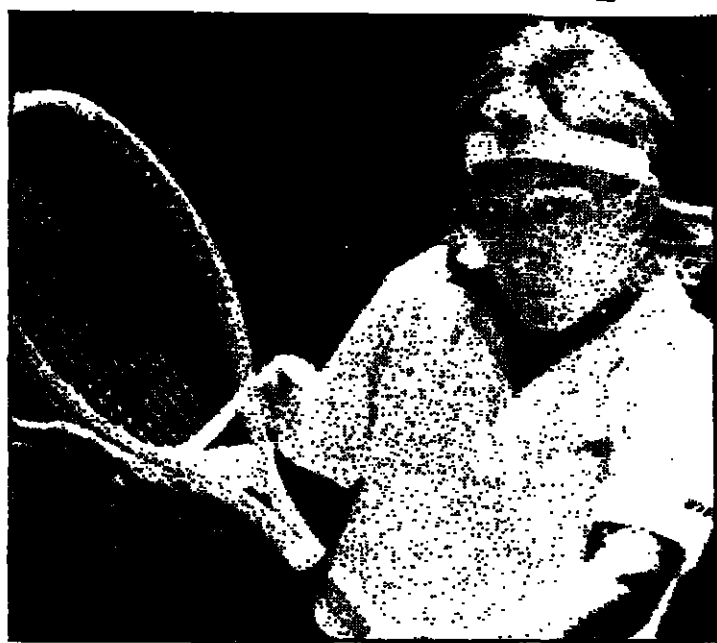
SYDNEY, Australia, Jan 11, (AP): World No. 2 Martina Navratilova beat Hungarian Andras Temesvari 6-2 6-4 today in a second-round match at the \$350,000 New South Wales Open tennis championships.

Navratilova, the top seed, said she was pleased to win her first tournament match since the Virginia Slims Championships in New York last November. Each of the top eight women's seeds received byes through the first round.

"I'm a little behind in my preparation ... because I sprained my ankle playing tennis last week. That put me back four days and I have also had a cold since I arrived here," Navratilova said.

Former A three-time winner of the New South Wales tournament, Navratilova will face South African Dinky van Rensburg on Sydney's White City courts tomorrow.

Temesvari, a former top 10 representative, was playing her second match after being sidelined for almost two years



Navratilova sends a backhand return to Temesvari. (Reuters wirephoto)

through injury. The women's event is being run in conjunction with a 32-draw Nabisco Grand Prix mens event.

Navratilova was one of six women's seeds to win today. Defending champion and second seed, Pam Shriver was the first player into the quarterfinals

today with a 6-2 6-3 victory over Japan's Etsuko Inoue.

Ninth-seeded Hana Mandlikova scored the second victory of her comeback to move into the third round by beating France's Nathalie Herremans 6-3 6-3 and 16th-seeded Terry Phelps of the United States beat sixth-seeded Italian Raffaella Reggi, 6-3 7-5.

American Mary Joe Fernandez, 17, lived up to her fourth seeding by downing tough New Zealander Belinda Cordwell 6-3 6-0.

In other second-round matches, No. 5 seed Patty Fendick of the United States, beat Czechoslovakia's Petra Langrova 6-2 6-3 and South Africa's Dinky van Rensburg beat American Ann Henricksson, a past finalist, 7-5 6-3.

Eleventh-seeded Austrian Judith Wiesner beat Australian Anne Minter, the seventh seed, 7-5 6-3.

In men's second-round matches, sixth-seeded Christo van Rensburg of South Africa beat Soviet player Alexander Volkov 7-6 (7-3) 7-6 (7-3) today. Two qualifiers upset higher

ranked opponents in second round matches. Czechoslovak Libor Nemecsek, ranked 333 in the world, downed eighth-seeded Magnus Gustafsson of Sweden 3-6 6-1 6-1. Olivier Delaire of France, playing his sixth Grand Prix event, beat Australian Jason Stoltenberg, 18, 7-6 (10-8) 6-2.

The tournament continues through Sunday.

## Results

Men's first round: Bruno Oresar (Yugoslavia) beat Joakim Nyström (Sweden) 6-4 6-0; Wally Masur (Australia) beat Patrick Kühnen (West Germany) 6-3 5-7 6-4.

Men's second round: Libor Nemecsek (Czechoslovakia) beat Magnus Gustafsson (Sweden) 3-6 6-1 6-1; Christo van Rensburg (South Africa) beat Alexander Volkov (Soviet Union) 7-6 (7-3) 7-6 (7-3).

Women's second round: Anne Minter (Australia) beat Laura Golaras (Italy) 6-2 3-6 6-3; Pam Shriver (US) beat Jo-Anne Faull (Australia) 6-1 6-4; Mary Joe Fernandez (US) beat Belinda Cordwell (New Zealand) 6-3 6-0; Dinky van Rensburg (South Africa) beat Ann Henricksson (US) 7-5 6-3; Martina Navratilova (US) beat Andras Temesvari (Hungary) 6-2 6-4; Hana Mandlikova (Australia) beat Nathalie Herremans (France) 6-3 6-3.

Women's third round: Terry Phelps (US) beat Raffaella Reggi (Italy) 6-3 7-5; Pam Shriver (US) beat Etsuko Inoue (Japan) 6-2 6-3.

## Bruno anxious to get on with title fight against Tyson

FOUNTAIN HILLS, Arizona, Jan 11, (AP): British boxer Frank Bruno says it's about time he fought undisputed world heavyweight champion Mike Tyson and he's hoping there will be no more postponements to their much-anticipated bout.

Bruno, owner of a 34-2 record with 32 knockouts, is scheduled to meet Tyson, 35-0 with 32 knockouts, on Feb 25 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Tyson, 21, has set up a training camp in Las Vegas while the 27-year-old Bruno began training on Monday at this posh Arizona community outside Phoenix and will stay here until Feb 10 before heading to Nevada.

Bruno, the No. 1 heavyweight contender in both the World Boxing Association and World Boxing Council rankings, was originally scheduled to face Tyson last June. That bout was pushed back so Tyson could fight Michael Spinks on June 27 in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

But after Tyson knocked out Spinks in 91 seconds, Bruno's title match was postponed four more times because of injuries, accidents and personal problems suffered by Tyson.

"My life has been on standby for almost a year," Bruno said on Monday. "There's a little hatred building inside of me, but I respect him. It's just that I couldn't do anything. I didn't know if I would be fighting next week or next year."

At one stage after the Spinks' fight, Tyson said he was retiring from boxing. He has since made daily headlines with his ongoing feuds with manager Bill Cayton and wife Robin Givens.

"I thought he wasn't going to fight anyone," Bruno said. "I've got dreams of being a world champion. But at that time, I didn't think it was going to happen."

Bruno said he has kept up with Tyson's out-of-the-ring problems, which include a \$1 million lawsuit filed by a New York woman who claims she was sexually assaulted in a disco by the champion.

"I felt sad for him sometimes," Bruno said. "But now that the fight has been made, all I'm thinking about is the title."

Claim

Kalamby, who beat American Iran Barkley in October 1987 in Italy to claim the vacant WBA crown, made his last defence in October when he stopped American Doug Dewitt in the seventh round in Monaco. His three previous fights were held in Italy.

History, however, may not be on Kalamby's side. In his last US visit in 1985 he lost to Duane Thomas in Atlantic City.

"He knows how to come to America and lose," said the 25-year-old Nunn.

Nunn, unbeaten in 32 fights, thinks fighting in Las Vegas — where he won his IBF title last July over Frank Tate — puts the odds in his favour.

"There is no doubt that the crowd will be on my side," said Nunn. "He won't have all those Italian roots for him and maybe he won't want to fight."

Nunn added that he wants to fight Sugar Ray Leonard. "I dream of a Nunn-Leonard fight," he said. "Ray has always been my idol." His eyes shined as he mentioned figures like \$20 million.

king about is the title. I can't afford to let distractions bother me."

Bruno, who stands to earn up to \$5 million from the fight, said he and Tyson were sparring partners several years ago and he knows his style well.

"You get to know the guy's instincts, his tendencies. He tries to intimidate you. When we were sparring, he always would tell me about who he had knocked out. I don't get intimidated," Bruno said.

Meanwhile, Tyson defended his promoter Don King yesterday as a recently discovered friend.

"I'm more independent now in my first few months with Mr King than I ever was with Bill Cayton or (the late) Jimmy Jacobs," Tyson said. "Basically, he's helping me blossom into a man."

Tyson said he had heard other fighters complain that they had money stolen from them by King, but dismissed their complaints and said that King has always treated him fairly.

The champion was grilled about his relationship with King during the second day of a deposition Tyson gave in a lawsuit filed in an attempt to break his contract with Cayton.

Tyson said his distrust of King changed last spring as he was going through marital difficulties with Givens and managerial problems with Cayton.

Developed "I didn't get any support from anyone but Mr King," Tyson said. "About the (Michael) Spinks fight was when I got to know him well and we developed our friendship."

King was in an adjoining room with reporters watching Tyson give his deposition via closed circuit television. The flamboyant promoter calls himself Tyson's "adviser."

Tyson discounted claims by other fighters, including former heavyweight champion Larry Holmes, that King didn't act in their best interest and took money from them.

"Larry Holmes is a rich man now and he can say anything he wants," Tyson said.

## Steroid use has cast a pall over athletics, says Scott

SHERMAN OAKS, California, Jan 11, (AP): US miller Steve Scott resents the fact that steroid use has cast a pall over track and field even as a use of the drug by some athletes in other sports is largely ignored.

"It's really unfortunate that track and field has gotten a black eye from the steroid issue," Scott, who has ranked in the top 10 internationally in the 1,500 metres for the past decade, said yesterday.

"Whenever there's anything that happens in track and field, it's highly publicised and it's downgraded track in general. Think about it: here Ben Johnson gets caught for steroids and is the embarrassment of his country, himself and the Olympic Games in general and is (criticised) by the press."

"Then, on the other hand, you have the Boz (Brian Bosworth) getting busted for steroids and

he's a hero in this country. Here's a football player who is doing the exact same thing (Johnson did), but he gets caught for steroids and he's a hero. What sense can be made out of that?" said Scott, who said he himself had never "been anywhere taking steroids or any other drugs."

During Bosworth, now playing linebacker for the Seattle Seahawks pro football team, was ruled ineligible to play in a US College Bowl game when he tested positive for steroids during his collegiate career at Oklahoma.

"You look at the (National Football League) and at collegiate football players and you can't tell me that those guys get that big naturally," Scott said during a press conference for the Jan 20 Sunbelt Invitational track meet at the Los Angeles Sports Arena.

level to misuse. In fact without it, there's not too much point in doing testing at any big event."

But while Beckett said the authorities were a step or two ahead of the cheats in most areas of drug misuse, he admitted they were trailing badly in the bid to combat the outlawed practice of blood doping.

Beckett said no test has been devised to detect blood doping, where competitors remove a quantity of blood only to return it just before competition after the loss has been made up to leave the body rich in oxygen-carrying red blood cells.

Chemical "Blood doping is the most efficient way of altering human performance," said Beckett. "Much more so than any chemical additive."

He denied reports that a test had recently been developed and added: "I don't know if one will ever be devised. It's not impossible but it's going to be horrendously difficult and expensive."

In the meantime, Beckett continues to champion the IOC's firm-but-fair message. "I think that's realistic," he said.

"Anabolic steroids should be a ban of two years for a first offence and for life after that. That's correct in its overall philosophy."

"I'm not being weak on the thing. Surely that way you've got the best of both worlds. You're showing flexibility and responsibility."

## Williams helps Bullets beat Nuggets

NEW YORK, Jan 11, (AP): John Williams' layup with 18 seconds remaining and Jeff Malone's two free throws 13 seconds later gave the Washington Bullets a 120-117 victory over the Denver Nuggets last night.

Washington, which snapped a two-game losing streak, trailed 117-116 when Williams put in a double-pump, left-handed layup. After Alex English, who led the Nuggets with 28 points, missed a jumper, Malone was fouled on the rebound and sank both free throws.

Denver's last-second try at a comeback was blocked by Williams. Davis was fouled behind by Charles A. Jones, who had a career-high 16 rebounds.

Bernard King led the Bullets with 33 points. Michael Adams

hit three 3-point shots, extending his NBA-record streak for games with 3-pointers to 75.

Jazz 82, Heat 88

Jim Farmer and Mark Eaton each hit two free throws in the final 25 seconds as the Utah Jazz whitewashed a Miami comeback for a 92-88 victory over the Heat.

Miami rallied from a 55-32 deficit early in the second half to tie the game at 88 with 1:35 left before Farmer and Eaton hit their game-winning free throws.

Karl Malone scored 29 points to lead the Jazz. Two Miami players had career-high totals: rookie Rony Seikaly with 30 points and six-year veteran Jon Sundvold with 28.

Bulls 104, Hawks 101

Michael Jordan scored 14 of his 48 points in the final 7:18 as Chicago erased a 14-point deficit

and defeated the Atlanta Hawks 104-101, snapping a two-game losing streak.

Jordan's two free throws with 22 seconds remaining completed the scoring for the night and the Hawks missed three 3-point shots in the final 20 seconds — one each by Dominique Wilkins, Moses Malone and Dudley Bradley.

Malone gave Atlanta a 95-81 lead with 7:45 remaining on a jumper, but the Hawks scored only six points the rest of the way.

Kings 106, Lakers 97

The Los Angeles Lakers lost their eighth straight road game, tying a club record, as La Salle Thompson scored 23 points and grabbed 11 rebounds to lead the Sacramento Kings to a 106-97 victory. The last time the Lakers lost eight consecutive road

games was 13 years ago.

It was the Kings' fifth straight home win, but only their second victory against the Lakers in the teams' last 31 meetings.

Trail Blazers 125, Sonics 109

Steve Johnson came off the bench to score a season-high 27 points and trigger a second-half surge that lifted the Portland Trail Blazers to a 125-109 victory over Seattle and snap the Sonics' five-game winning streak.

It was the Blazers' 12th straight home victory.

Clyde Drexler led the Blazers with 29 points, while Kiki Vandeweghe had 21 points, his most since coming off the injured list five games ago.

Michael Cage scored a season-high 24 points and grabbed 15 rebounds to lead Seattle.

## Soviets split series against NHL teams

When Ken Priestley of the Buffalo Sabres scored a overtime goal on Monday to give Buffalo a 6-5 win over the Soviet Union's Central Red Army, the super series of ice hockey ended in a dead heat.

The Red Army, perennial Soviet National League champions, were 4-2-1 and Soviet League runners-up Dynamo Riga were 2-4-1 in their four against National Hockey League (NHL) teams for a total of six wins for hosts and visitors alike and two draws.

R. Alan Eagleson, executive director of the NHL Players Association, said: "I stood next to the Buffalo Sabres' bench and coach Ted Sator on Monday night and they were playing it seriously, like a Stanley Cup playoff game."

Eagleson said the level of play in the series was uneven. "Some other teams treated it as an exhibition. The Los Angeles Kings brought up an entire line from the Minor Leagues for the game, so that in some games there was great intensity and in others the games were treated as exhibitions," he said.

Eagleson, who also negotiates all international hockey agreements for the NHL, said plans were set for a 21-game tour by four Soviet club teams next season that would involve all 21 NHL teams.

Toronto Maple Leafs owner Harold Ballard and the Philadelphia Flyers boss Jay Snider have insisted they would not allow the Soviets to play in their buildings, but Eagleson had an answer for that.

"We will allow them to play in any other arena they (Ballard and Snider) choose," said Eagleson. "For example, Toronto could rent the Hamilton Arena in Hamilton, Ontario, but they must guarantee an average attendance equal to what the normal average attendance is for the particular team."

## Handicapped man to climb Everest

SALT LAKE CITY, Jan 11, (AP): Scaling Mount Everest was the furthest thing from mountaineer Tom Whitaker's mind as he lay in a hospital bed following a car accident, pleading with doctors to save at least one of his feet.

Nine years later, equipped with a high-tech artificial foot, Whitaker will join the American Everest expedition with the goal in May of becoming the first handicapped climber to conquer the world's highest peak.

Whitaker was driving back to his home in Sun Valley, Idaho, from a Thanksgiving holiday when an out-of-control car struck him head-on.

## Esiason clinches MVP award

NEW YORK, Jan 11, (AP): Quarterback boomer Esiason, who has led the Cincinnati Bengals to this year's Super Bowl, was named the National Football League's Most Valuable Player by the Professional Football Writers Association yesterday.

Esiason received 33 per cent of the writers' vote. San Francisco 49ers running back Roger Craig was runner-up with 19 per cent. Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Randall Cunningham was third with 15 per cent, followed by linebacker Mike Singletary of the Chicago Bears with 11 per

cent. Esiason earlier was named the MVP by the Associated Press, based on a vote by a panel of sport writers and broadcasters who cover NFL games.

"It should be changed to the most valuable team trophy," Esiason said after being given the Schick MVP trophy at a luncheon.

Surprised

"My teammates are the most valuable teammates because without the running of Ickey, James Brooks and Stanley Wilson and the blocking of Munoz, Montoya, Kozerski, Walter and

Blados and the receiving of Collinsworth, Brown, McGee and Holman, I wouldn't be standing here."

Esiason was not surprised that the San Francisco 49ers were 7-point favourites for the Super Bowl on Jan 22.

"It always seems we have to prove ourselves, especially me," Esiason said. "I'm looking forward to a great challenge. And maybe it will be the incentive and motivation we need to really get up for this game and win."

Esiason said betting with the Bengals had proven profitable for their backers.

## Thorburn to lead Wales

CARDIFF, Jan 11, (Reuters): Fullback Paul Thorburn has succeeded Jonathan Davies as Welsh captain for the opening Five Nations Rugby Union Championship match against Scotland at Murrayfield on January 21.

Bleddyn Bowen, who led Wales to the triple crown last season, takes over at flyhalf from Davies who joined Rugby League club Widnes last week.

Neither Thorburn nor

Bowen, who has won all but one of his 22 international caps at centre, was picked for last month's match against Romania when Wales were humbled 15-9.

Team: Paul Thorburn (captain), Ieuan Evans, John Devereux, Nigel Davies, Mike Hall; Bleddyn Bowen, Jonathan Griffiths; Mark Jones, Roland Phillips, Kevin Moseley, Phil Davies, David Bryant, Mark Griffiths, Ian Watkins, David Young.

## Steroids bill

LONDON, Jan 11, (AP): A bill that would impose a criminal penalty on anyone caught taking or supplying anabolic steroids without a prescription was introduced in Britain's House of Commons yesterday.

The bill would add steroids to a list of controlled substances covered by the 1971 misuse of drugs act, making them illegal for the first time in Britain. Though they are not allowed by most sports organisations, steroids are legal in Britain and most other countries.

## Beckett campaigns for calm in war on drug abuse

LONDON, Jan 11, (Reuters): The unfortunate athlete had tested positive for an illegal sedative found in a common cough syrup. His national federation was ready to ban him for life.

But in a tiny office, little wider than a hammer thrower's turning circle, one of the world's leading experts on drug misuse was far from convinced.

Professor Arnold Beckett dropped the report on to his desk and shook his head. "This is madness," he said. "You've got to be strong where you need to be strong if it's a really flagrant drug misuse. Yet you've got to be flexible in these fringe areas. It's the only way to operate."

Abuse

A leading lieutenant in the International Olympic Committee's (IOC) war on drug abuse in sport, Beckett is campaigning for calm from over-zealous authorities in the wake of the Ben Johnson scandal at the Seoul Olympics.

"We tell federations not to go overboard with over-the-counter medicines," he told Reuters in an interview in his office at London University.

"We advise a ban of three months. It's a slap on the wrist. If it goes on, then you act."

his body in Seoul. The Canadian world champion and record holder has since started a two-year suspension but IOC medical commission member Beckett would welcome him back to athletics in 1990.

He remains a committed opponent of those who seek to have Johnson and other offenders barred for life for a first offence.

Beckett is urging federations to take the IOC's "flexible approach" to punishing offenders who fall foul of the drug laws.

And he visibly winces at talk of life bans for first offenders. "It may be all right if you can prove that the individual knowingly took the action," he said. "But to be banned for life because of somebody else's action... I don't think that's the right way to command public respect and support."

He added: "I believe any control mechanism in society must be based upon informed opinion support — that you're seen to be just and fair."

Beckett believes the battle against drug abuse in sport will never be won but insist random, out of competition testing will limit its escalation.

Flexibility and responsibility are essential themes in his policy of dealing with the cheats.

But above all, Beckett argues, the IOC's first priority must be to protect competitors from drugs rather than punish those who



Johnson: fell foul of the drug laws

seek to profit from their use.

"We are aiming to make sport as clean as possible," Beckett said.

"Testing is a deterrent and that should be its emphasis — not getting highly excited over a positive."

"And athletes need protection

from those around them, like doctors and coaches," he added. "Children in their teens will often do things because their coaches tell them. There are stories about youngsters being given so-called vitamins which were in fact anabolic steroids."

"We've got to look at the situa-

tion and attempt to protect. We ought to aim to try and deal with those who are pushing this problem. The IOC have always said that if we have the evidence we will act against anybody."

The Seoul Games were marred by 10 positive dope tests which resulted in disqualification — a figure Beckett claims proved the IOC's policies of deterrence are working.

Headed: "That doesn't mean that misuse is not occurring beforehand. But at any major event, it would only be a fool who would be on drugs that we could detect."

Beckett is quick to concede that the drug cheats in sport will never be beaten. "I don't envisage drug free sport — just like I don't envisage a drug free society," he said. But he claims the authorities have the technology and the techniques to contain drug abuse.

Eradicating the use of anabolic steroids, usually taken out of season to promote muscle growth, has become Beckett's main objective with year-round testing his main weapon.

"Random testing will play a key role, especially in the steroid field," said the founder and former director of London's Drug Control and Teaching Centre, who also sits on the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) medical committee.

"Random testing will prevent the escalation of drug abuse and dramatically reduce the present



Waheed: Man of the Match

## Bombay score easy victory over New Star

BOMBAY Youth Cricket Club slammed New Star Cricket Club by six wickets in a friendly match at the Yarmouk ground earlier this week.

New Star elected to bat, after winning the toss, and opened their innings through Dinesh and Pradeep who put on 23 runs for the first wicket before the latter was out for 12.

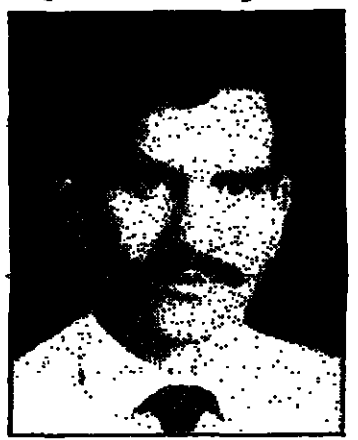
Dinesh hammered 42 and Praveen hit 19 as New Star were all out for 131 in the 22nd over. For Bombay, Waheed and Shaker took two wickets each while Jawad, Assad and Yaqoub got one each.

Repaired

In reply, Bombay lost both the openers cheaply but Waheed and Shaker repaired the damage by putting on 61 runs for the third wicket. Shaker scored 33. Waheed 39, Yaqoub 19 and Assad remained unbeaten on 13 as Bombay got the required runs by the 21st over for the loss of four wickets.

For New Star, Mossadiq took two wickets while Pradeep got one. Waheed took the Man of the Match award.

## Imtiaz takes Awami past Punjab



Imtiaz Hussain

AWAMI Cricket Club crushed Punjab Farwania by 85 runs in a Morning Star Trophy cricket tournament match at the Morning Star ground earlier this week.

Bating first, Awami opened their innings through Mustafa and Latif who put on 87 runs for the first wicket. After getting a good start Awami went on to score 191 for the loss of five wickets in the 25 allotted overs.

Imtiaz Hussain was the top scorer for Awami with 63 runs. He hit two sixes and seven fours. He got some good support from Mustafa and Latif who hit 51 and 35 respectively.

Reach

Murtaza with 20 and Shaker 18 were the other Awami batsmen to reach the double figures. For Punjab, Raza took two wickets.

Punjab, in reply, had no answer to the Awami bowling and the whole side was out for only 105 in 20.5 overs. Bashir top-scored with 22 runs.

Shaker led the most damage, taking three wickets while Imtiaz and Latif got two wickets each. Sobail and Tariq took one wicket each. Imtiaz was named Man of the Match.

The Awami bowlers were helped by some good fielding by all the squad, which not only held all their catches but also made the Punjab bats



## SPORTS BRIEFS

## Marathon race

LONDON, Jan 11, (UPI): Ingrid Kristiansen of Norway looks unlikely to defend her London marathon title on April 23. She is expected to run in the Boston marathon which is being held on April 17. Kristiansen set the world record when she won the London in 2 hours 21 minutes 6 seconds in 1985.

## Paraguay player

VALENCIA, Spain, Jan 11, (UPI): Paraguayan international soccer forward Carlos Martinez Diarte said today he will probably return home next month to play with First Division side Olimpia of Asuncion.

## Spanish club

BARCELONA, Spain, Jan 11, (UPI): Spanish First Division soccer club Espanol has notified Dynamo Kiev that the Soviet team has until the end of this month to decide if it will transfer World Cup player Vasil Rats. Club officials said yesterday.

## Carl Lewis

MADRID, Jan 11, (UPI): American Olympic champion Carl Lewis will compete in the 60-metre dash at an indoor track meet in Spain February 10 in his seasonal debut in European competition, organisers said yesterday.

## Slalom event

STOCKHOLM, Jan 11, (UPI): The Swedish Alpine Skiing Association plans to arrange a sprint-slalom competition with the toughest competitors from slalom to coincide with Ingemar Stenmark 16 years in the World Cup when he finishes his career this spring.

## Sergei Bubka

STOCKHOLM, Jan 11, (UPI): Olympic champion and world record holder Sergei Bubka of the Soviet Union is currently trying out a new Swedish pole in an attempt to vault over his dream height of 6.20 metres.

## Jan Moller

STOCKHOLM, Jan 11, (UPI): Former Swedish international Jan Moller has been offered a three-month contract with Dutch soccer club Feyenoord to substitute injured goalkeeper Johannes Heile, Swedish daily Expressen reported yesterday.

## Under-16 soccer

GLASGOW, Scotland, Jan 11, (AP): Ibrox stadium, one of the biggest and best-known soccer grounds in Britain, will host the final of the World Under-16 Soccer Championships this summer, it was announced today.

## Primo Nebiolo

ROME, Jan 11, (AP): Primo Nebiolo said yesterday he is the victim of a "personal and political feud" by Italian sports officials who are envious of the sensational development of track and field he has promoted over the past decade.

## Saudi players

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia, Jan 11, (AP): The Saudi Arabian Soccer Federation announced yesterday that its players henceforth would sport T-shirts emblazoned with the words "No to drugs."

## Cycling team

ELCHE, Spain, Jan 11, (UPI): Spain's Kelme cycling team is negotiating to sign three Soviets for the upcoming season, team manager Rafael Carrasco announced today.

## Prize money

LIVERPOOL, England, Jan 11, (AP): A three-day series of steeplechases surrounding the famed Grand National in early April will offer at least a record £341,000 (\$500,000) in prize money, a 9 per cent increase from last year.

## Dutch cyclist

AMSTERDAM, Holland, Jan 11, (UPI): Dutch pro cyclist Gert-Jan Theunisse fractured his foot during training in France, a PDM team official said yesterday.

## Austrian skier

KIRCHBERG, Austria, Jan 11, (UPI): Veteran Austrian skier Hans Enn was an early victim in the men's World Cup Giant Slalom yesterday. The 30-year-old, who has been a regular figure in the "white circus" since 1975, went out on the top half of the course. He was to be transported to the Innsbruck University clinic with suspected ruptured left knee ligaments as soon as fog had made the flight possible.

## Giant slalom

KIRCHBERG, Austria, Jan 11, (UPI): "Blackout" joked Austrian skier Bernhard (Benni) Gstrein after he failed to complete the first leg of yesterday's World Cup Giant Slalom.

## DERBY OVERCOME SOUTHAMPTON

## Kettering upset Halifax

LONDON, Jan 11, (Reuters): Minor League side Kettering earned a plum tie against First Division Charlton when they came from behind to beat Halifax 3-2 in their English FA Cup third round replay yesterday.

Robbie Cooke, the former Millwall striker, followed his two goals against Bristol Rovers in the previous round with two more strikes as Kettering emulated the feat of Sutton, another Minor League side, who put out 1987 FA Cup winners Coventry on Saturday.

Cooke netted his goals in a 12-minute spell either side of half-time after Fourth Division Halifax had recovered from the shock of conceding a fourth minute goal to lead 2-1 after half an hour.

## Rammed

He forced home a Richard Brown free kick after 38 minutes and then rammed home an Ernie Moss centre five minutes into the second half.

Steve Foley, whose 88th minute goal earned Swindon a draw at Portsmouth on Saturday, scored again in the replay to help his side to a 2-0 win and a home tie against either First Division leaders Arsenal or West Ham.

A spectacular long-range goal by Nigel Callaghan six minutes into extra time against Southampton secured Derby only their second FA Cup victory in five years.

Hosts Southampton had much the better of the third round replay but paid the price



Mirandinha: first goal since Oct 26

for a series of missed chances.

Brazilian Mirandinha scored his first goal since Oct 26 when he converted a second half penalty for Newcastle in their replay against Watford. But Neil Red-

fern's two goals earned the Second Division club a 2-2 draw after extra time.

Kevin Brock was Newcastle's other scorer. Meanwhile, English First Div-

ision soccer club Southampton today completed the signing of Yugoslav defender Milos Drizic from Rad Belgrade for \$450,000.

Southampton manager Chris Nicholl, who hopes that a work permit for the player will be processed within a week, described Drizic as "the biggest professional I have ever seen."

Drizic, 28, has won three full international caps for Yugoslavia.

Second Division Chelsea have agreed to pay a club record fee of \$1.5 million for Newcastle's former Wimbledon goalkeeper Dave Beasant.

Newcastle manager Jim Smith agreed the deal with Chelsea manager Bobby Campbell last night.

Campbell still has to agree personal terms with Beasant, who has won a place in the England squad this season.

## Results

English Football Association (FA) Cup third round replays  
Brentford 1 Walsall 0  
Brentford home to Manchester City in the fourth round  
Halifax 2 Kettering 3  
(Kettering away to Charlton)  
Southamp 1 Derby 2  
(Derby away to Newcastle or Watford)  
Swindon 2 Portsmouth 0  
(Swindon home to West Ham or Arsenal)  
Watford 2 Newcastle 2  
(Winners home to Derby)  
English Division Three  
Wolverham 2 Cardiff 0  
English Division Four  
Doncaster 1 Carlisle 3

## US surprise Argentina

ROTTERDAM, Netherlands, Jan 11, (AP): The United States upset Argentina 3-1 and Brazil overpowered Paraguay 5-1 in the opening Group 2 matches of the second round of the inaugural Indoor World Championship yesterday.

In Group 1 games, Belgium beat Italy 5-1 and the Netherlands and Hungary drew 3-3 in their opening matches.

The United States, coming back with three goals in the second half, scored the upset of the tournament against favoured Argentina.

"It is not surprising to me but it is surprising to a lot of people here," said coach John Kowalski.

The South Americans dominated the first half, relying on their better skills and cooler nerves when they exploited slack marking to score the first goal through Juan Avalos.

But the physically superior US team dominated the second half. Pressure increased and paid off when a couple of fine shots from Peter Vermes put them ahead. Argentina neglected defence from then onwards allowing Julie Vee more than time enough to line up a third goal.

Brazil took a firm option on the semifinals, blasting pre-tournament favourite Paraguay 5-1, which never had a chance. Benatti, Marquinhos and Atala put the match beyond doubt by half-time.

Paraguay, which had provided the most attractive soccer during the first round of the 16-team event, scored its only goal through Adolfo Jara Heyn.

But Brazil further improved on its goal aggregate with goals by Neimar and Adilio. The winner of each group plays the runner-up of the other group on Saturday. The semifinals and Sunday's final will both be at the 7,000-capacity Abov Hall here.

Hungary trailed 2-0 after less than a minute but kept their cool afterwards and with classy combination play came back to draw 3-3.

Hungary was caught cold by the Dutch, who scored on their opening move through Andree Bakker and half a minute later captain Vic Hermans punished a blunder by the goalie with a second goal. "Victory was there for the taking," said Dutch coach Ron Groenewoud. But they didn't.

Hungary held on. Trailing 3-1 till midway in the second half, they produced their best combination moves to dislodge a panicky Dutch defence and earn a late draw.

Belgium, meanwhile, scored big against Italy to take the lead in the European group.

## South African athletes face two-year ban

LONDON, Jan 11, (Reuters): South African athletes who emigrate face a two-year ban from international competition if a new rule is passed by the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) council this month.

An IAAF spokesman said today the 23-member council would discuss the draft rule at its meeting in Singapore in two weeks' time.

If the council approves the rule it will then be presented to the IAAF congress in Barcelona on September 5-6.

The draft regulation calls for a 12-month ban from all competition for an athlete who has just emigrated from South Africa, which is not a member of the IAAF. The athlete would then be allowed to compete in domestic competition only for another year.

The rule, if passed by the IAAF congress, would be a blow to twice world cross country champion Zola Budd's plans to return to Britain.

South African-born Budd moved to Britain in 1984 and competed in the Los Angeles Olympics in the same year after being granted a British passport.

But she never broke her links with South Africa and last year the IAAF demanded she be banned after allegations that she had been associated with competitors in her native country.

A British inquiry to consider the IAAF demand was set up, but Budd returned to South Africa before she could be called on to give evidence.

## Kimball pleads guilty

TAMPA, Florida, Jan 11, (AP): Olympic driver Bruce Kimball changed his mind an hour into his trial and pleaded guilty today to drunken driver manslaughter after he smashed his car into a group of teenagers in August, killing two and injuring four others.

The athlete pleaded guilty to two counts of driving under the influence of alcohol, manslaughter and three counts of causing great bodily injury while driving under the influence.

The state dismissed two counts of culpable manslaughter because the defendant can only

be convicted and sentenced to one count of manslaughter involving each death.

Both sides had finished opening arguments and the state had called its first witness, Hillsborough sheriff's deputy Karen Oviatt.

"He admitted he was driving the automobile. He admitted he had been drinking," Lee Fugate said in opening arguments.

The 1984 Olympic silver medalist admitted he was speeding but was unable to tell police how fast he was going when he slammed into the crowd Aug 1, Fugate said.

## Buyo suspended for one more match

MADRID, Jan 11, (Reuters): Real Madrid goalkeeper Francisco Buyo was given an additional one-match ban by the Spanish Football Federation yesterday for unsporting behaviour during a League match against Atletico Madrid last month.

The suspension, which means Buyo will miss Real's League match at home at Malaga was imposed after an appeal by Atletico against the original ruling that he be banned for three matches and fined 183,000 pesetas (\$1,620).

## Norman hopes relaxed attitude will pay off



Norman: sees a better year ahead

GOLD COAST, Australia, Jan 11, (AP): Defending champion Greg Norman hopes that his new, relaxed attitude will pay dividends when he tees off tomorrow in the first round of the \$525,000 Daikyo Palm Meadows Cup golf tournament.

"My aim for the year is to take it easy," the US-based Australian said today. "I'm glad last year is over and done with. It was a pain towards the end."

A busy tournament schedule and numerous endorsement commitments saw former World No. 1 Norman over-extended himself in 1988.

"I'll be taking regular breaks this year and avoiding a rush of tournaments at the end of the year," he said. "I can see a better year ahead."

Norman returned to action after three weeks of vacation to finish fourth in the Tournament of Champions at Carlsbad, California, last weekend, carding a final round 68.

Norman won the Palm Meadows Classic last year in pouring rain, but conditions during today's Pro-am Tournament saw scorching temperatures most of the day.

"I'm not making predictions any more but this tournament is particularly difficult to predict," he said.

Norman said the greens on the par-72 7013 yards (6376 metres) Graham Marsh-designed course were among the slowest he had seen for a major tournament, indicating low scores in ideal conditions.

Norman partnered Australian Prime Minister Bob Hawke in the Pro-am, for which individual scores were not released, and thrilled a large gallery with an eagle-3 at the par-5 18th hole.

His rivals in the Palm Meadows Classic, which offers a first prize of \$92,000 and is one of the richest regular events on the Australian PGA Tour, include 20 top Japanese players headed by Jumbo Ozaki, Isao Aoki, Tommy Nakajima and Mashahiro Kuramoto.

US Open champion Curtis Strange, who last year became the first player to win \$1 million on the US Tour, former Masters, US Open and US PGA champion Raymond Floyd and Mark O'Meara head the American challenge.

Jumbo Ozaki, who headed the 1988 Japanese Order of Merit,



Australian opening batsman Geoff Marsh sweeps a delivery from Abdul Qadir as wicketkeeper Aamer Malik watches. Marsh helped Australia win Tuesday's match and knock Pakistan out of the World Series Cup. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Pakistani team to begin New Zealand tour early

WELLINGTON, Jan 11, (Reuters): Pakistan, knocked out of Australia's triangular World Series Cup yesterday, will begin their New Zealand cricket tour early and an extra game has been scheduled.

The New Zealand Cricket Council today said it has included an extra match in Pakistan's programme because the visitors would arrive on Friday, a week earlier than planned.

The three-day match against a national Second XI competition selection will start in New Plymouth on Jan 18.

The two-month tour includes three Test matches and four one-day internationals.

NZCC president Barry Paterson said meanwhile that New Zealand was concerned about an amendment to Pakistan's bid to stage the 1991 World Cup.

"They are seeking the amend-

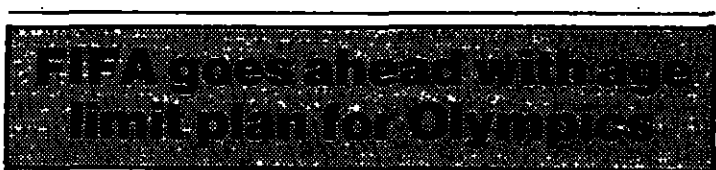
ment after the (Nov 10) deadline and after having seen our bid and that isn't really acceptable," Paterson told reporters.

New Zealand submitted a joint bid with Australia in competition with Pakistan's offer. He said Pakistan had amended their own package after seeing the New Zealand-Australian bid and set about wooing associate members of the International Cricket Conference to secure votes.

Paterson said Pakistan were attempting to arrange a meeting of the 18 associate members.

"We know that they are trying to arrange a meeting before Jan 23 but we don't know where and when they intend to have it," he said.

"We are confident, but ultimately the 18 associate members and seven Test countries vote on it," Paterson said.



ROTTERDAM, Netherlands, Jan 11, (AP): FIFA, the governing body of world soccer, is going ahead with plans to limit the 1992 Olympic soccer tournament to players under 23, despite increasing pressure from the International Olympic Committee, FIFA officials said today.

The decision by the International Federation of Football Associations (FIFA) was taken last July and was an issue of debate at an IOC executive board meeting in Vienna last month, when calls were made for an open tournament without age limits.

## Stick

But FIFA will keep on a collision course with the IOC when it sends a letter to the national soccer federations in the coming days confirming its plan to stick with the age limit.

The ruling is "to oblige all national federations to prepare more than one national team" and thus assure a gradual coming of age for young players, Sepp Blatter, the secretary-general of

## FIFA, said in an interview.

The top teams will be fielded at the World Cup and continental championship tournaments while the youngsters can use the Olympics as a showcase for their budding talents.

That is not what the IOC has in mind. It wants the best of any sport to participate in the Olympics. Soccer, cycling and baseball are expected to be the major exceptions in Barcelona.

"We are sorry there is this problem," said Juan Antonio Samaranch, president of the IOC, in Vienna last month. "But it is a very important sport to all of us."

He said the IOC is further investigating the issue before making a decision whether to take additional action. Qualifying matches for the Olympic soccer tournament start in the fall of 1990.

## African Player of the Year disappears

BRUSSELS, Jan 11, (Reuters): Zambian Kalusha Bwalya, African Footballer of the Year for 1988, failed to report back to his Belgian First Division soccer club Cercle Bruges after playing in a World Cup qualifier in Morocco.

A club official, who declined to be named, said today that left-winger Kalusha was expected to report back on Monday, one day after the match which Zambia lost 1-0.

## Soon

"We don't know where he is," the official said. "We just cannot tolerate it."

He said it was too soon to say Kalusha would be disciplined. Kalusha, 25, who shot to fame when he scored three goals for Zambia against Italy in the Seoul Olympics, was due to play for Cercle Bruges in an indoor tournament in Ghent, Belgium, starting today.

## Cash edges McEnroe

ADELAIDE, Australia, Jan 11, (AP): Australian Pat Cash, unleashing a mixture of brilliance and blunder, beat long-time idol John McEnroe in straight sets in the opening match of the Rio International Tennis Challenge at Adelaide's Memorial Drive courts today.

Cash, accounted for the 29-year-old American 7-6-4 in the robin-match of the exhibition event, which several big name players are using as a warm-up for the Australian Open in Melbourne next week.

In an often tense encounter, Cash emerged superior despite serving up a mixed bag of nine thundering aces and 11 double faults.

Cash took the first set in a tie-breaker 7-5 after fighting back following McEnroe's service break in the opening game.

## Piggott has no plan to stay in Ireland

DUBLIN, Jan 11, (Reuters): Lester Piggott's daughter has firmly quashed speculation that the legendary British jockey plans to move to Ireland as a trainer.

Piggott was released from prison last year after serving one year of a three-year prison sentence for tax evasion.

His daughter Tracey, in Dublin to accept a Hall of Fame award to Piggott from Irish breeders, said yesterday: "There is definitely no truth in the rumour my father is coming to stay in Ireland."

## BRIDGE

RESULTS of Sheraton Bridge Club game held on Tuesday:

- N/S  
1. Weinstein & Sherine  
2. Shah & Zia  
3. Tish & Medani  
E/W  
1. Ravi & Isam  
2. Darko & Babinov  
3. G.N.R. & Menon

A marathon bridge session will be held at Sheraton Hotel tomorrow at 3.00 pm.

RESULTS of the Regency Ladies Bridge Club game held yesterday:

1. Randa Firas & Ghada Sarraf  
2. Irene Shmali & Fatma Al-Jalal  
3. Nabil Akel & Lollo Mardwan



## Shinozuka wins 12th stage

LABE, Republic of Guinea, Jan 11, (UPI): Ken Shinozuka of Japan yesterday became only the second non-Peugeot driver to capture a stage of this year's Paris-Dakar Rally, winning the 501 km timed section from Bamako. This was the 12th special stage of the rally.

Shinozuka, driving a Mitsubishi, failed to upset the balance of power in the overall standings, led by Peugeot driver Ari Vatanen of Finland.

Managed Vatanen and his Peugeot teammate Jacky Ickx of Belgium, finished fourth and fifth in yesterday's stage, Vatanen increasing his overall lead over Ickx to seven minutes, 14 seconds.

Guy Freguclin of France, who rolled his Peugeot on Monday and thought he might have to drop out, managed to continue and was second fastest yesterday, moving up a notch to fourth overall.

Frenchman Patrick Tambay was still third overall in his Mitsubishi, nearly four hours behind Vatanen.

The race continues in Guinea until Thursday night, when it reaches Senegal. The Guinea stages replace those previously held in Mauritania, where frequent sandstorms had caused problems in other years.

Among the motorcycles, Philippe Houtin of France suffered a broken leg in an accident involving his bike yesterday.

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